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## MARGINAL COLUMN

By MEIR MINDLIN

OUT of the chilly, bone-gnawing mist we slipped into an explosion of warmth and bright colour, and after we had with some difficulty found a table and sat down, the biting cold started to leak out of our bones perceptibly, a chill at a time. This was one of the espresso coffee bars which have transformed one aspect of London's social life, especially that of the young, who had no place to meet only a few years ago. This one was tastefully decorated in a blaze of yellow and red that was almost Mediterranean in verve. In one corner a skiffle singer was plunking his guitar and moaning mournful melodies of betrayal and disaster, while in the opposite corner, one of England's (and not only England's) most eminent sculptors sat, looking much younger than his age; he had been a rebel once, and had never betrayed his personal vision. Some of the groups were talking animatedly, while couples sitting along the walls were smooching with a charm and expertise we had thought monopolized by Paris. With almost cyclic precision, the place emptied and filled again, emptied and filled again. This was cosy, sensible provision for youth out for an evening, but it seems to have sprung up almost by accident, from a purely economic motive. But the solution is no less real.

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AT first we misinterpreted the ubiquitous courtesy for obsequiousness and imagined the repression of natural aggression required to put such a pleasant face on things, answer queries so cheerily in the snow blizzard. Behind the smile we surmised the unconscious tiger's claw. As we lived into it, however, we began to realize that this courtesy could be a most convenient social habit, a natural device for preserving one's integrity, dignity and individuality. Nostalgic at first for the gruff, aggressive immediacy of our own bus conductors, who were always asserting their personalities, we later began to wonder whether all that hurly-burly contact was really necessary, whether it was anything but sheer bad habit to foist one's gripes, frustrations, and irritations on the first comer. We vaunt these uninvited contacts as democratic gestures, but we now wonder whether it is not rather more democratic to keep one's distance, respect one another's privacy and individuality.

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THERE was a shy six-year-old English boy in the house, and for reasons known best to herself, the same-age little Israel girl became enamoured of him. He, alas, did not respond, shrank away in modest confusion and perplexity, though she was lively and pretty. Having reached the end of her six-year-old tether, one day, as he was taking a bath, she strode into the bathroom, merrily took off her clothes, and jumped into the tub with him. Aghast at this violation of all codes known to him, he will no doubt treasure up his trauma.

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WE were never great animal fanciers (though certainly not prejudiced against the creatures), and cat lovers least of all. But we must confess that the furry, feline majesty of our landlady's Punky, a great, reserved, contemplative middle-aged lady cat, has won us over. As much in need of warmth as our Mediterranean selves, she curls around the kerosene heater in our room all day long. But our landlady corrects us: Queen Cat is not contemplating, but brooding. Punky had trouble bearing her sixth-odd litter of kittens several years ago, and was finally delivered by a Chinese midwife who happened to be staying in the house just then. Fearing for her, her owner took her to an animal hospital for a complete hysterotomy. For reasons of their own, the owners of her faithful tom-cat husband, Stripey, who lives two houses away, had him gelded. He comes to visit Punky occasionally, and they sit facing each other with sad, nostalgic expressions, brooding on vanished glories.

*London, March 10.*

## 11 Injured as Bus, Army Vehicle Collide

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMLE, Sunday. — Eleven persons were injured when a truck and a bus collided on the Ramle-Beit Dagon road today. Nine of the injured are military personnel. Two of them were seriously hurt.

Ten of the injured were taken to Assaf Harofe Hospital and one to Tel Hashomer Hospital.

### SUEZ RECORD

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuter). — A record total of 84 ships passed through the Suez Canal yesterday, the Canal Authority announced. The previous daily high was 78. A [illegible] up shipping in the Canal.

## Ike Urges More Spending To Aid Jobless

WASHINGTON, Sunday (Reuter). — President Eisenhower announced plans this week-end for speeded spending of hundreds of millions of dollars on roads and other public works projects in order to fight mounting unemployment and economic recession.

But at the same time he has set his face against huge public works emergency schemes of the kind which President Roosevelt initiated in the depression of the 1930's.

The President outlined measures to meet the situation in a letter to Republican leaders in Congress yesterday, and suggested an extension of the period for which unemployment benefit is paid, normally about 26 weeks.

The President's message was made public on the eve of an expected government announcement this week on the number of unemployed in February. The predicted new total is 5,100,000, the highest for eight years and 600,000 more than in January.

The President said that $200m. had just been released to encourage construction of low cost homes.

One of his proposals to increase spending on the federal highway programme by $2,200 million in the next four years, will require Congressional approval.

## Chinese Handing Over To N. Korean Troops

HONG KONG, Sunday (Reuter). — The New China News Agency reported today that the first groups of the Chinese "People's Volunteers" that are to withdraw from Korea have started transferring defence positions to North Korean troops.

Withdrawal of the Chinese troops by the end of this year was announced in a joint statement issued in Pyongyang on February 19 after talks between the Chinese and North Korean Premiers, Chou En-lai and Kim Il Sung.

The Chinese Government today demanded that the U.S. "stop intervention" in South Vietnam.

The Peking regime's statement, issued by the New China News Agency, supports last week's proposal by North Vietnam for an early meeting between North and South to discuss reunification.

The statement said the U.S. is introducing large numbers of troops into South Vietnam and setting up bases there, and was trying by all means to further drag it into the South-East Asia Treaty Organization.

## Foreign Minister Rumour Denied

Post Political Reporter

A report in the afternoon press yesterday that Foreign Minister Golda Meir had tendered her resignation recently but subsequently agreed to withdraw it was denied by political sources in the capital last night.

It is considered that the report may stem from a desire to dramatize certain differences of opinion which have developed between the Foreign and Defence Ministries during the past few months.

"People may have differences of opinion and say that certain difficulties 'make work impossible,' but it is mere sensation-mongering to read resignations into such arguments."

The problem has been mainly one of the division of responsibilities and friction that has developed where these have overlapped. It is understood that these problems have been given careful consideration, and that full coordination has been established; moreover, yesterday's report was considered "particularly surprising in view of the Foreign Minister's absence abroad on a State mission."

### DUTCH AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE SEES B-G

The Netherlands Ambassador-designate, Jkhr. J.Q. Bas Backer, presented a copy of his credentials to the Acting Foreign Minister, Mr. Ben-Gurion, yesterday.

Jkhr. Bas Backer, who is the first Ambassador to Israel to reside in Jerusalem and who has been serving as Minister, will formally hand over his credentials to the President at Beit Hanassi on Wednesday.

## Haifa, Tel Aviv Up Rates 15%

The Haifa and Tel Aviv Municipal Councils last night raised their respective general rates by 15 per cent.

The Haifa Council also passed a budget of IL.18.2m. for the coming fiscal year. The Tel Aviv Council, however, postponed its decision on the budget proposals.

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### AFTER MIDNIGHT

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## 'Big 3' in Manila May Discuss Medit. Pact

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — The French idea of a western Mediterranean pact may be discussed privately in Manila this week by the Western Foreign Ministers, usually well informed sources said here today.

The three Foreign Ministers — Mr. Dulles (U.S.), Mr. Selwyn Lloyd (Britain) and M. Christian Pineau (France) will be in the Philippines capital for the three-day South-East Asia Treaty Organization Council meeting beginning next Tuesday.

The French Prime Minister, M. Felix Gaillard, said last Friday that he would soon make "concrete proposals" on a Western Mediterranean pact. Sources in London said that the British Government would give serious study to the French proposals when their details were received here.

**Indonesian Issue**

Mr. Lloyd, who arrived in Manila today, said in reply to reporters' questions that the SEATO conference would discuss Indonesia, which was one of the problems of the area. "And I have no doubt we shall discuss a summit conference and a great many other things," he added.

Mr. Lloyd said Britain did not care if preparations for a summit meeting were made at a Foreign Ministers meeting or through ordinary diplomatic channels. "Our view is still that if a summit conference is to be useful a certain amount of preparation has to be made for it."

Authorized Tunisian sources said in Tunis last night that the suggestion of the French Premier, M. Felix Gaillard, of a Mediterranean defence pact would cause no change at all in Tunisia's demands for a total pull-out of French troops.

These sources said no communication had yet been received from the French Government about M. Gaillard's Mediterranean project. Officials said earlier they would await a detailed offer promised by the French Premier before taking a public stand.

**Want French to Quit**

Authorized Tunisian sources said any talks about regrouping France's 22,000-man military force in Tunisia at the big navy base at Bizerta would have to wait until France had promised total evacuation. Once this promise had been made, the French might begin regrouping their forces a Bizerta, as a stage in the pull-out, which would be carried out according to a timetable Tunis has agreed to, these sources said.

M. Gaillard said today that the response of certain heads of state to his proposed Mediterranean defence pact would show whether they are sincere when they declare their attachment to the West.

In a speech at a Radical Party banquet in Chartres, M. Gaillard did not mention names, but he was apparently referring to President Bourguiba of Tunisia and King Mohammed of Morocco, whose countries would form part of the defence community M. Gaillard envisaged.

*(Reuter, UP)*

## Coty Studies Reprieve For 'Joan of Arc'

ALGIERS, Sunday (Reuter). — The "Arab Joan of Arc" waited in a death cell here this weekend while the President of France, M. Rene Coty, studies appeals for her reprieve.

Jamila Bouhired, 22-year-old Algerian Moslem nationalist girl, burst out laughing when a French military court sentenced her to death in July last year for her part in bomb outrages in Algiers. "In killing me do not forget you are killing your own traditions of liberty in France," she told the court.

Jamila's conviction has brought protests from all over the world, including President Voroshilov of the Soviet Union, British M.P.s, and many French personalities.

Jamila is the daughter of an Algiers merchant. She has five brothers, one of whom is a philosophy student in Paris.

## Repair Group Was Barred From Seeing B-17 Crew

The crew of the B-17 that landed because of engine trouble at Bone, Algeria, 11 days ago were confined to a local hotel by the Algerian authorities, it is learned following the fliers' return to Israel on Saturday.

The crew and five mechanics of the C-46 that flew to Bone to repair the Flying Fortress were not permitted to see the crew of the first plane for four days. They were accommodated in two rooms of a local hotel and were free to move about the town, but the authorities treated them with suspicion, and they were shadowed wherever they went.

Mr. Gordon Levett, the British member of the B-17 crew, today contacted his wife in London to inform her that he was in good health. Mrs. Levett, it is learned, has been flooded with telephone calls from many parts of the world, mainly from journalists keen to obtain information.

## USSR Urges Asian Atom-Free Zone

MOSCOW, Sunday (Reuter). — The Soviet proposal made last night for a "collective peace treaty" in Asia includes the setting up of an area free of nuclear or rocket weapons.

The suggestion for an atom-free zone was contained in a statement released by TASS, just prior to the forthcoming Council of Ministers of SEATO in Manila on Tuesday.

It said the realization of plans to link SEATO with NATO and the Baghdad Pact would mean the "final conversion of SEATO into an appendix of the main aggressive pact — NATO."

**Says Money Given**

The statement claimed that a number of SEATO members were giving direct help in arms and money to the Indonesian rebels, and that it was their intention "to discuss the present situation in Indonesia at the Manila conference."

In the same context, the statement went on to say, "Large-scale manoeuvres including the American Seventh Fleet and the British Far Eastern Fleet" were directed towards bringing pressure in the area.

The Manila conference would consider strategic plans under which the colonial powers intended to station nuclear and rocket weapons on the territories of certain Asian countries, the statement added.

**Step to Lower Tension**

In making its proposal for a collective peace pact, the statement said such a pact would be an important step towards a radical improvement of the international situation and the establishment of "necessary confidence in international relations."

There was no elaboration of what the Soviet Union means by a collective peace treaty. Observers said the proposal was linked with the Soviet desire for the dismantling of NATO, the Baghdad Pact, and SEATO, in return for a general collective security system to be negotiated at the summit.

In Washington President Eisenhower is believed to be in no hurry to reply to Marshal Bulganin's latest "summit" letter. State Department experts, after two days of study of the new Moscow message, have still found nothing in it which enhances the prospect for summit talks, a Department spokesman said today.

## Yugoslavia Requests Place on Summit

BELGRADE, Sunday (Reuter). — Yugoslavia made an energetic bid for a place in both a Foreign Ministers conference and in summit talks on the ground that countries belonging to neither bloc should be included.

In an election speech, Foreign Secretary Koca Popovic said it would help to reach an agreement if Yugoslavia, as well as India and Sweden, attended both meetings.

He said that a Foreign Ministers meeting would have to discuss both organizations and some matters of substance, but this could be done without prejudice to the course and results of summit talks. Until a conference was held all countries should refrain from actions which could worsen the world situation, and halt nuclear tests and preparations for rocket bases.

Mr. Popovic also confirmed reports that relations with Albania had deteriorated. Albania was the only Communist country with whom relations were not "gradually improving," he said. He added that Yugoslavia wanted to continue developing relations with other Communist countries, regardless of different views and different roads towards building Socialism, and regardless "that they belong to the Communist camp, and we do not."

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SHAH and QUEEN

## Shah and Soraya Said On Verge of Divorce

TEHERAN, Sunday (Reuter). — An announcement on the future of the Shah's marriage to Queen Soraya is expected soon following the return to Teheran from Cologne today of Senator Bakhtiari, an uncle of the Queen. There have been reports of an impending divorce.

German newspapers report that Bakhtiari went to Cologne carrying a message from the Shah to the Queen.

The Grand Master of Ceremonies to the Shah, M. Garagozlou, who is accompanying Soraya on her visit to Cologne, said the Senator was there for "reasons of health."

Soraya left Teheran on February 13 on a visit to Europe and is in West Germany with her father, the Persian Ambassador to Bonn, Mr. Esfandiary.

The Shah and Soraya were married in 1951. She is 26. When they arrived in Zurich last June usually well-informed sources said the couple intended to consult Swiss specialists about their childlessness. This was later denied.

## Sudan Shelves Spears As Ballots Counted

KHARTOUM, Sudan, Sunday (Reuter). — An order forbidding the carrying of knives, spears, swords or firearms was issued today on the eve of vote-counting in Sudan's general elections.

There has been calm throughout the country since the polling began on February 27. It ended yesterday. But governors of all provinces are taking no chances and have banned rallies, processions and demonstrations until March 31.

## Foot Cautions Cyprus Against New Disorders

NICOSIA, Sunday (Reuter). — Governor Sir Hugh Foot appealed to the people of Cyprus in a broadcast tonight to prevent disorder which would mean disaster.

He said the recent EOKA threat to launch a passive resistance campaign "is intended to be against the Government, but in fact is against the people. My duty will be to protect the public, and today I give an assurance in face of these threats that the Government will help the public overcome any obstacle put in their way."

He said international discussions on the island's future, going on at present, would take some time.

A home-made incendiary bomb exploded today in the airmen's quarters at the R.A.F. station here, but caused no damage or casualties.

This was the second bomb incident at the base in the last three days. On Friday, four incendiaries exploded in the store area, causing slight damage.

A set of instructions on passive resistance to British rule has been issued by EOKA, which urges Greek Cypriots to stop using English names on their shops, to clear away everything which might remind them of England from their daily lives, and to ignore everything connected with "the oppressor" or anything that "reminds us of him."

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## Foreign Affairs, Security Discussed by Cabinet

The Cabinet at its weekly meeting yesterday discussed foreign and security affairs and current matters, the official communique stated.

It was decided to extend the term of office of the religious councils for two additional years; an appropriate draft law will be presented to the Knesset.

Mr. Joseph Kokia was appointed Acting Attorney General, in place of Mr. Haim Cohn who is leaving for the U.S. to participate in the U.N. Conference on Human Rights and the U.N. Conference on the Execution of Arbitration Judgments.

## Leading Polish Scientist Urges Scholastic Links with Israel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prof. Tadeusz Kotarbinski, one of the world's great humanists, said in Jerusalem yesterday that scholars in Poland today have complete freedom in choosing their topics of study and their methods, and of publishing the results of their research.

The President of the Polish Academy of Sciences and Professor of Philosophy at the University of Warsaw, who is on a two-week visit to Israel with his wife — a Professor of Logic—saw in this a "great achievement" for Poland.

They are here as the guests of the Government.

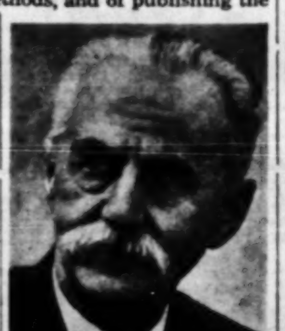
The Friends of the Hebrew University organization, which was disbanded in Poland following the Russian occupation in 1946, would be revived, he said. Prof. Kotarbinski expected that on his return an organizational meeting would take place, and he hoped that the group would serve as one of the main links in scholastic contact between Poland and Israel. He was one of the organizers and officers of the defunct group.

**Other Groups 'Dormant'**

He explained at a press conference held at the Hebrew University that many other societies had suffered the same fate and have been "dormant."

In reply to a question, he said that there was no longer a *numerus clausus* at Polish universities and Jewish students were free to study where they wished.

Prof. Kotarbinski is known as a vigorous opponent of discrimination and segregation. The story is told that on one occasion before World War II, Prof. Kotarbinski entered a class to find that the Jewish students were made to sit separately from the Christian students, and that he demonstratively moved to the Jewish side and delivered his lecture from there.



*Prof. KOTARBINSKI*

At a press conference yesterday the 72-year-old scholar said that there was a large number of Jewish professors and students at the universities in Poland in proportion to the small Jewish population that has remained.

His opening remark at the press conference was, "Our first impression on arriving in Israel was that we were in the Garden of Eden." He then added, "When we left Warsaw, it was snowing heavily and the thermometer was down to 18 degrees below zero."

The guests were introduced by Mr. Y. Pomanski, Academic Secretary, who translated from Polish. Last night, Prof. Kotarbinski lectured in English at Beit Hillel on "The Nature of Ethical Evaluation."

# Saud Dispatches Secret Notes to Beirut, Amman

## Dulles: Union Retards, But Does Not Deter Soviet Aims in M.E.

WASHINGTON, Sunday (USIS). — Secretary of State Dulles said in testimony made public today that Soviet military and economic activities in the Middle East, and particularly in Syria, "seem to have been retarded rather than advanced" by the Syrian-Egyptian merger. However, he told the House Foreign Affairs Committee, he believes it is still the intention of the Soviet Union to control Egypt and Syria.

"Control of Egypt and Syria," he said, would give the Soviets "control of the two principal means whereby the oil in the Middle East goes to Europe, and if they are in a position to control that they would be able to turn the faucet off and Europe could be paralyzed."

Mr. Dulles' remarks were made on February 26 during a closed session of the Committee after he made a strong appeal at an open session for approval of the proposed Mutual Security Programme.

**Israel Accepted Fact**

Asked to discuss U.S. policy towards Israel, Mr. Dulles said, "We accept the State of Israel as a fact and as a fact not to be altered by any military or forcible processes." He added, "Of course, as you know, the armistice agreements which now define the de facto limits of Israel, are not supposed to be definitive boundaries. The armistice agreement says they are not the final boundaries. Some day, there will have to be a negotiation which will fix the final boundaries."

The Egyptian-Syrian merger came up during a discussion of the Congressional (Eisenhower Doctrine) Resolution on the Middle East.

He called the resolution "a very indispensible contribution to the relative stability" of the Middle East.

*The Doctrine has not been completely successful, however, because "there are still a lot of problems there; and there probably will be for some time," he said.*

**Arab Nationalism**

Turning to Arab nationalism, he said it was not clear whether this nationalism was a threat to the West. "If one goes back and reads Abdul Nasser's book on the meaning of revolution, and so forth, one can have concern about that."

Mr. Dulles pointed out that the U.S. has not scheduled any aid for the merged countries of Egypt and Syria under the Mutual Security Programme for the coming year. But, he declared, the U.S. is "not writing off" the merged countries.

He pointed out that he did not believe it would be in the U.S. interest to give additional aid to countries which are not "adequately concerned about the Soviet menace."

In this connection, Mr. Dulles reminded the Congressmen that "we give quite a lot of help to people who do deal with the Soviet Union. We don't make it a prerequisite that they should not deal with them. We deal with India, Yugoslavia, Poland, with Finland and a lot of countries. But we do expect and want one thing: that is that the country with which we deal and which we help and which takes help from the Soviet Union, should be at least alive to the danger and not blind to the danger" of the Communist menace.

### GOLDFADEN'S DEATH MARKED IN RUMANIA

LONDON, Sunday (INA). — The 50th anniversary of the death of Abraham Goldfaden is being celebrated by all Jewish theatres in Rumania, reports "Folksstimme," the Warsaw Yiddish newspaper.

"The Witch," one of Goldfaden's best plays, is now having a great success at the Jewish Theatre in Jassy. During the commemorative evening, Jewish writers stressed the great services of Goldfaden as founder of the modern Jewish theatre.

## Iraq, Jordan Open Constitution Talks

Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister, Tewfik Suwaidi, yesterday opened the Iraqi-Jordanian talks on the constitution of the Federation between the two countries in Baghdad's Palace of Roses.

He expressed the hope that the new Constitution "will be a step forward towards achieving complete Arab unity."

Replying, the Jordanian Deputy Prime Minister, Samir Rifa'i, said the work of the conference is "to achieve better living conditions and prosperity for our peoples under the leadership of King Faisal, King Hussein and Amir Abdul Illah (Faisal's uncle)." Reuter reported.

Copies of a prepared draft of the new Constitution were distributed among the 15-man Jordanian delegation and the six Iraqi representatives.

After the opening speeches, the doors of the meeting hall were closed to the public and the delegates started secret talks expected to last 10 days.

Iraq is reported to have proposed a constitution of 105 articles with a provision that these could be increased or reduced in number as required, according to ANA.

The Jordanian daily "Falastin" reported that more than 500 Arab refugee families have been moved from tents in camps to permanent housing. The paper, quoting UNRWA sources, said the houses are situated mainly in the Ramallah, Nablus and Old City districts.

"El Jihad" yesterday said that Jordan and the U.S. Operations Mission in Amman are shortly to sign agreements on the financing of new development projects totalling $6.5m.

## Israel Main Problem, Says Iraqi Leader

ANKARA, Sunday (INA). — Iraq's new Foreign Minister, Fadhil Jamali, has told a Turkish paper's Baghdad correspondent that Israel "remains a cancer in the Middle East," and that "for Iraq, settlement of the Israel problem comes first" otherwise peace cannot be secured.

The Western powers should stop supporting Israel, take Arab interests into account, and settle the problem with justice, he asserted. Until this is done, "we are obliged to arm ourselves."

Jamali told the "Aksham's" correspondent that Turkish leaders promised the Iraqis during the recent Baghdad Pact meeting in Ankara that Turkey would militarily aid Jordan if the latter is attacked, now that she is associated with Iraq.

### JORDAN INFILTRATORS STEAL BULL

PETAH TIKVA, Sunday. — Three infiltrators from Jordan stole a young bull from the farm of Mr. Max Ehrlich, of Zofit, on Saturday night. Police investigators found tracks leading past Kibbutz Nir Eliyahu and across the border towards Kalkilya.

## To Resist Pressure, Malik Declares

Seikh Mohammed Sha'ban, the Saudi Arabian Finance Minister, arrived in Beirut yesterday, carrying a special message from King Saud to President Camille Chamoun. Sha'ban had earlier delivered a message to King Hussein in Amman, where he also discussed Saudi-Jordan financial relations.

The Lebanese Foreign Minister, Charles Malik, said in Beirut yesterday that the Lebanon will never give way to any pressure to have her sacrifice her independence.

Malik's statement came on the heels of growing Egyptian pressure on Lebanon to declare itself in favour of the United Arab Republic.

The contents of Saud's note to Chamoun were secret, but it is believed to deal with the situation that has resulted following the deterioration of relations between Egypt and Saudia Arabia as a result of Nasser's public charges that Saudia had financed a plot to assassinate him and prevent the formation of the U.A.R.

**Heading for Break**

"The New York Times" reported from Cairo yesterday that Nasser now appears to be headed toward an end of friendly ties between King Saud and the United Arab Republic. The report quoted the announcement in Cairo that Nasser a week ago had withdrawn the Egyptian military mission from Saudi Arabia.

This mission had been training the Saudi forces, and with its withdrawal, little but paper is now left of the mutual defence pact that had put the Saudi forces under a joint command with those of Egypt and Syria, the report pointed out.

The "Times" report said that the accusations against King Saud leave no visible opening for the familiar Arab process of patching up differences, unless one side or the other backs down completely.

*(Reuter, INA, ANA)*

## Nasser Says Israel Hopes to Expand

Abdul Nasser accused Israel yesterday of looking forward to annexation of her neighbours Jordan and the Lebanon, and parts of Syria and Iraq, Reuter reported from Damascus.

He said Britain had been aligned with the first movement for liberation of the Arabs, but had not kept her promises. Instead, she divided the Arab areas between herself and France, and gave Palestine to the Jews.

Referring to last month's plot against himself and Egyptian-Syrian unity, Nasser said, "If today a group of traitors prefer to ally themselves with imperialism, I've nothing to say to them, but may Allah be merciful to you. You're nothing but the humble slaves of imperialism, traitors to your principles, and your country."

He did not refer directly to King Saud of Saudi Arabia who has been named by the Syrians as author of an alleged plot to sabotage the U.A.R.

Amman Radio's commentator yesterday called Nasser the "Red dictator afflicted with megalomania who has hired himself a gang of criminals and officers to carry out his murderous intention of plotting against every Arab and African country possible."

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## Social & Personal

Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion yesterday received the members of the French press delegation now touring the country as guests of the Government at his office in Jerusalem.

In the evening, the journalists were guests of honour at a reception given by M. Fabien Lacombe, Israel Director of Agence France Presse, and Mme. Lacombe, at their home in Jerusalem. Among those present were the French Ambassador, M. Pierre Gilbert; M. Henri Vigier and M. Albert Grand of the U.N.T.S.O.; M. R. Pinson, Manager of Air France; and Mr. Maurice Fischer, Assistant Director General of the Foreign Ministry.

Prof. Albert Bayet, President of the National Federation of French Journalists and head of the delegation, will lecture tonight at 9 at Beit Sokolow, on "Memories of the Third Republic."

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The fourth annual study day of the Society for Biblical Research in Israel, which will be devoted to a discussion of the Qumran Scrolls and to the memory of the late Prof. E. L. Sukenik, will open at 3.30 p.m. today at the Rehavia High School, Jerusalem.

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Hovevei Yerushalayim wish to thank all those who helped make the Purim party at Talpiot ma'barn a success.

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*BIRTH*

TEKOAH — To Ruth née Weidenfeld, and Yosef Tekoah, at the Hadassah Hospital Jerusalem, on March 8 — a son.

*MEMORIAL SERVICE*

A memorial service was held yesterday for the 46 men and one girl who fell 10 years ago while escorting a convoy to besieged Yehi'am in Western Galilee. The ceremony began at the military cemetery, Nahariya, and ended at Kibbutz Yehi'am, where a room in the cultural centre was dedicated in their memory.

## S. African Jewish Educator Dies

To the many hundreds of South African settlers in Israel the news of the sudden passing in Johannesburg of Mr. Abe Lipschitz, as a result of a heart attack, must have come as a shock.

Mr. Lipschitz was for many years the principal of the only Jewish Day School in Johannesburg, and one of the most popular men of the younger set of South African Jewry. His untimely death is an irreparable loss in the field of Jewish education.

Mr. Lipschitz paid a visit to Israel a few years ago.

He was the idol of many Jewish boys and girls, present and past pupils of the King David School. All who knew him will deeply mourn the passing of a staunch and loyal friend, whose whole life was wrapped up in the sole endeavour to provide young South African Jewry with a background that would prepare them for their role in the community. H.W.

## Subterranean A-Blasts For Use in U.S. Mine

NEVADA TEST SITE, Sunday (USIS). — Dr. Dale Nielsen of the University of California Radiation Laboratory says American mining and oil companies have asked to use underground nuclear blasts to break up oil-bearing rock and to pulverize ore strata.

Dr. Nielsen said his laboratory and the Atomic Energy Commission are studying the requests. The laboratory, he said, is also anxious to conduct more nuclear shots deep underground to determine the feasibility of generating enough retained heat within the earth to form a reactor that will produce steam for turbines.

Last week, Nielsen conducted newsmen on the first visit to the site of the American underground detonation of last September. The explosion was contained deep inside a tunnelled-out mountain.

## Cinemas

### JERUSALEM

At 3.30, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.

**ARNON:** The Incredible Shrinking Man.
**EDEN:** The Forty-First.
**TEL OR:** La Bataille de L'Eau Lourde.
**ORION:** The Spanish Gardener.
**ORNA:** The Sun Also Rises.
**RON:** Wonder Man.
**OR GIL:** The City is Dark.
**ZION HALL:** Fear Strikes Out.
**EDISON:** The Lone Ranger.
**STUDIO:** The Man Who Never Was.

### TEL AVIV

**ALLENBY:** Crime and Punishment.
**ARMON DAVID:** Porte de Lilas.
**CHEN:** Gunfight at the O.K. Corral.
**DAN:** Keep Your Chin Up.
**EDEN:** Dance of Shiva.
**ESTHER:** A Man is Ten Feet Tall.
**GAT:** Battle Hymn.
**MAXIM:** Three Men in a Boat.
**MERKAZ:** La Môme Vert de Gris.
**MIGDALOR:** Escapade.
**MOGRABI:** Prince of Players.
**OPHIR:** Et Dieu... Crea La Femme.
**ORION:** The Prince and the Showgirl.
**PEER:** Annapolis Story.
**SHDEROTH:** La Strada.
**TAMAR:** The Cranes Are Flying.
**TCHELET:** Pirochka.
**TEL AVIV:** Peyton Place.
**YARON:** For Whom the Bell Tolls.
**ZAMIR:** Bonsoir Paris—Bonjour L'Amour.
**ZAFON:** 12 Angry Men.

### HAIFA

**GAL, OR:** The Bachelor Party. Mats.: Simba.
**ORION:** Screaming Eagles. Mats: Highway Man.
**ATZMON:** Madame Butterfly.
**MORIAH:** My Man Godfrey.
**PEER:** Tin Star.
**ARMON:** Bitter Victory.
**EN DOR:** Riders to the Stars.
**ORLY:** 23 Paces to Baker Street.
**ORAH:** Love in the Afternoon.
**AMPHITHEATRE:** The Monte Carlo Story.
**MAY:** The Prince and the Showgirl.

## Dueg's Judges Visit Knesset

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The judiciary moved into the seat of the legislature yesterday as the Jerusalem District Court studied the scene of the crime on October 29 last when a grenade was thrown at the Cabinet table in the Knesset.

To check on the testimony of Seren T. Jonas, an army officer, and to clear up other points of evidence against Moshe Dueg, the three judges methodically studied the House for 40 minutes from the places occupied on the fateful day by the various witnesses.

The prisoner, still conducting his own defence, wore his perpetually sad demeanour as he followed the judges around, asking them to take note of certain distances and angles of vision, apparently in an attempt to cast doubt on various parts of the evidence.

Earlier in the day, Dueg cross-examined Seren Jonas for three hours. The captain had been in the press gallery at the time of the incident and saw the grenade land.

The trial continues.

The court consists of Relieving President H. Baker and Judges M. Gaulan and M. Cohen.

## Hijacking of Korean Airliner Described

SEOUL, Sunday (USIS). — Willis P. Hobbs, Korean National Airlines pilot who returned on Thursday from 18 days in North Korea, today described how he was forced to fly into Communist territory at gun-point by Communist agents.

Hobbs told a news conference that the first he knew of trouble on the plane was when bullets began flying through the cockpit as he approached here on a flight from Pusan on February 16.

Two men forced their way into the cockpit, he said. The Communists' leader was armed with a carbine and a shot gun. As Hobbs and Lieut.-Col. Howard McClellan, who was acting as co-pilot on the flight, leaned to the side to avoid the flying bullets, the agent trained his gun on Hobbs and told the pilot to fly north.

According to Hobbs, he was forced to fly at an altitude of 7,000 feet while his captors continuously looked out of the windows "as if expecting interception." As the plane neared Pyongyang, there were two airfields visible. Hobbs was told to land at the first one, but at the last minute, the kidnappers changed their minds and directed him to land at an airfield about 24 kms. from town.

The Communists asked Hobbs if this was a U.S. airfield. When he answered no, the Communist leader told him that if it were a U.S. airfield, Hobbs would be shot. After they landed, Hobbs and McClellan were held in the cockpit for "about 20 or 30 minutes." They were then searched and allowed to leave the plane.

In the cabin, they found the passengers seated with their hands clasped over their heads. The passengers were searched and the whole group was taken to a small building and interrogated by the North Koreans. During the first week the group was in the North Korean capital, they were separated and kept incommunicado.

*Lord and Lady Kilmarnock in Tel Aviv. Lord Kilmarnock, who was last here in 1947, when his eldest son was serving in this country with the British armed forces, was Assistant Military Secretary to Viscount Alexander when the latter was Supreme Commander in the Mediterranean. He is a director of the Migdal Insurance company, as whose guest he is visiting Israel.*

## No S. African Pledges Concerning Mid-East

JOHANNESBURG, Sunday (Reuter). — Defence Minister Francois Erasmus said at an election meeting in Johannesburg last night that South Africa had entered into no military obligations concerning the Middle East.

South Africa has entered into agreements with Britain for the defence of southern African coastal routes in the event of Communist attack, he added.

## Bonn Orders £85m. Worth of U.K. Arms

LONDON, Sunday (UP). — The West German Federal Republic has placed armaments orders in Britain to a total value of nearly £85m., informed sources reported today.

The orders include training and naval planes, naval craft and military vehicles of various types for the newly-formed West German forces. Further orders were expected to come in the course of the year, bringing the total to about £100m. — the amount Germany originally expected to spend for arms purchases in Britain over a three-year period.

But Germany has rejected the purchase of fighter planes in Britain, of which a choice has been offered unsuccessfully.

The bulk of the orders placed by the Bonn Government to date was for military vehicles, including transport and armoured cars. These orders were estimated at some £50m. Aircraft orders including Sea Hawks, helicopters and trainers, are in the region of £15m. and a similar sum is to be spent on naval equipment.

Last month the Federal Government offered Britain an advance payment of £100m. for armaments to be purchased within three years. The offer came as a compromise in the dispute with Britain over the latter's demand for German payment of support costs for British forces stationed in Germany. Britain at the time rejected the offer on the grounds that it did not solve the support cost problem and the demand for foreign currency which arose from the maintenance of the British force in Germany.

## ON THE AIR

**FIRST PROGRAMME**
522, 349, 33.3 & 41.7 M.

News: Hebrew: 6.35, 7.00 & 7.58 a.m. 1.30, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00, 11.00 p.m.

English: 1.45 p.m. French: 2.00 p.m.

6.30 Service. 6.37 Callisthenics. 6.47 Musical Clock (R).

12.00 N. Lunchtime Music — Soloist: Yvette Giraud (Vocalist). 12.30 Woman's Corner. 12.45 Israel Songs. 1.00 Military Bands.

4.30 News Summaries in English, Swedish and Spanish. 5.05 Overture "School for Scandal" (S. Barber). 5.15 Children's Corner. 5.30 Youth Corner. 6.00 "We Present Tonight." 6.05 Popular Songs & Tunes. 6.30 Yehezkel Kutcher on "Ancient Aramaic and Hebrew." 6.45 "Ron Ami." 7.15 "Popular Symphony Concert" — Overture (Haydn); Symphony No. 29 in A. K. 201 (Mozart). 7.45 From the Book Shelf. 8.00 "Israel Composers" — Menahem Avidom — String Quartet; Divertimento for Wind Instruments & Percussion. 8.35 This Week at the Cinema. 8.55 Bible Reading. Psalms. Chaps. 108 & 109. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 "Curtain Up:" "The Stranger." 10.30 Record Collectors.

**SECOND PROGRAMME**
422, 480, 292.7, 41.7 & 33.3 M.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.00 "We Present Tonight." 6.05 Vocal Recital by Zafrira Yaroni (Soprano). 6.30 "Listen and Understand." 7.00 French. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Rumanian. 8.15 Hungarian. 8.30 Ladino. 9.00 Interval. 9.15 Mograbit. 9.30 News in Easy Hebrew. 9.45 Polish. 10.00 News in English.

**ARABIC PROGRAMME**
407 & 41.07 M.

Arabic Programme (including News). 6.30—7.15 a.m. 1.15—3.15 and 5.30—9.45 p.m.

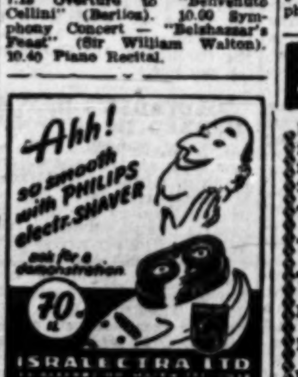
KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): Programme to South Africa: 6.30 News. 6.40 On the Arab World. 6.45 "From the Federation" — Abe Tooch. 6.50 Musical Interlude. 6.55 Economic Commentary by Cecil Hyman. 7.00 Religious Life in Israel. 7.15 Yiddish.

Programme to the U.K.: 11.30 News. 11.40 "On the Arab World." 11.45 Economic Commentary by Cecil Hyman. 11.50 "Music in Our Land." Midnight: Hebrew Lesson by Judah Shuval.

ARMY PROGRAMME (48.4, 216, 235 & 285 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Requests for Hebrew Songs. 7.00 News. 7.15 "On Drivers and Pedestrians." 7.35 Light Music. 8.00 "The Soldier-Citizen." 8.15 Quiz. 8.50 Musical Interlude. 9.00 News. 9.15 Weekly Concert: Works by Liszt & Mahler.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (13.80, 16.84 & 24.80 M.): 7.15, 7.45 p.m. News. News Talk. London Letter.

CYPRUS BROADCASTING SERVICE — English Programmes — (434 & 495 M.): 12.30 Midday Melodies. 4.30 Teatime Music. 7.15 Overture to "Benvenuto Cellini" (Berlioz). 10.00 Symphony Concert — "Belshazzar's Feast" (Sir William Walton). 10.40 Piano Recital.



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## Taylor Injured—United Lose First Since Crash

By KEITH BEECHER

At Maine Road on Saturday, a crowd of 63,000 saw Manchester United lose their first game since the tragic Munich crash, when they went down by 4-0 to West Bromwich Albion. But tiny Ernie Taylor, who has generalled the United's rebuilt team, was injured and off for most of the second half.

Three days earlier, before a crowd also over 60,000, the new "Busby Babes" had beaten the Albion, 1-0, in their quarter-final Cup replay to enter the semi-finals. They will now meet Division II side, Fulham, in the last four.

In other English League games on Saturday, Wolverhampton Wanderers moved nearer clinching the Division I honours with a convincing 3-1 win over Newcastle United. With 48 points the Wolves eased into a five point lead over Preston North End, who went down to their first defeat in 10 matches at the hands of Everton. In winning 4-2, the "Toffeemen" notched their first home win in six months.

The bottom-dogs Sunderland and Sheffield Wednesday, drew 3-3 on the former's ground, and proud Sunderland still foot the table and are in danger of losing their First Division status for the first time in their history. Their new purchase, South African centre-forward Kitchenbrand, netted in his first turn out for them.

Tottenham Hotspur, without Cliff Jones, went to Leeds and won 3-1, as Arsenal and Chelsea met at Highbury, with the "Gunners" tops by 5-4. Hurd got a hat-trick for the home team and Greaves two for the "Pensioners." Blackpool and Stanley Matthews beat Nottingham Forest, 3-0, while Nat Lofthouse scored the goal by which Bolton Wanderers beat Birmingham City, 1-0.

West Ham United registered their best win of the season in smashing Rotherham United, 8-0, Dick getting four goals. They moved into a two points lead in Division II, as Fulham helped by beating nearest rivals, Charlton Athletic, 3-1. Liverpool lost by the same score to Bristol City, but stayed third, three points behind Charlton.

The four leading clubs in Division III (South) won and the table is headed by Reading, 47 points, followed by Plymouth Argyle, 46, Brighton & Hove Albion, 46, and Swindon, 44. Despite a 3-3 draw away with Bradford City, Bury still lead Division III (North), with 46 points, two in front of Scunthorpe United, whose match was postponed and who have games in hand, 44 points with Accrington Stanley, whose Saturday match was also postponed, lying third, 43 points.

In the Scottish League, Heart of Midlothian are marching on to their first League championship in 60 years. They beat amateurs Queens Park, 4-1, and tightened their hold on the honours. One shock here was the defeat of Clyde (who had beaten Celtic in a mid-week Cup tie) by Glasgow Rangers.

RESULTS: English League: Div. I: Arsenal 5, Chelsea 4; Aston V. 2, Burnley 0; Blackp'l 3, Notts. F. 0; Bolton 1, Birm'gham 0; Everton 4, Preston 2; Leeds 1, Tottenham 3; Leic. C. 2, Portsm'th 2; Luton 1, Man. C. 2; Man. U. 0, West Brom. 4; Sunderl'd 3, Sheff. W. 3; Wolves 3, Newcastle 1. DIV. II: Barnsley 1, Donc. R. 1; Blackburn 3, Grimsby 0; Bris. R. 2, Liverp'l 1; Derby 2, Midd'sbro 1; Fulham 3, Charlton 1; Ipswich 1, Stoke 3; Lincoln 0, Cardiff 3 (abandoned at half-time); Notts. C. 0, Bris. C. 1; Sheff. U. 2, Hudders'ld 3; Swansea 1, Leyton 3; West Ham 8, Rotherham 0. DIV. III (S): Ald'shot 1, Torquay 1; Brighton 2, Shrewsb'y 1; Exeter 1, Bournem'th 3; Gill'gham 1, Norwich 0; Millwall 1, Colchester 4; Newport 0, N'hampton 1; Plymouth 1, Crystal P. 0; Port V. 5, Watford 0; Q.P.R. 1, Walsall 0; S'hampton 0, Reading 1; Southend 3, Coventry 1; Swindon 4, Brentford 1. Div. III (N): Brad. C. 3, Bury 3; Crewe A. 1, Hartlep'ls 1; Halifax 2, Chesterf'ld 2; Mansf'ld 4, Barrow 3; Rochdale 3, Tranmere 0; Stockport 2, Chester 2; Work'g'ton 4, Oldham 3; Wrexham 1, Bradford 1. (All other scheduled games postponed). SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Div. I: Aberd'n 2, Th. Lanark 4; Clyde 1, Rangers 3; E. Fife 1, Qun o Sth. 3; Falkirk 3, Raith 2; Motherwell 2, Kilm'nock 3; Partick Th. 2, Dundee 0; Quns. Pk. 1, Hearts 4; St. Mirren 1, Celtic 1. AMATEUR INT.: Scotland 3, Wales 0 (at Dumfries). RUGBY UNION — County Champ. — Final: Warwick 16, Cornwall 8. RUGBY LEAGUE CUP — ¼-finals: Rochdale 8, York 5; Featherstone R. 5, St. Helens 0; Oldham 0, Wigan 8; Workington 11, Warrington 0. CLUB MATCH: Barrow 19, Hull 8.

## AHDUT CONVENTION ON THURSDAY

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Ahdut Ha'avoda national convention to which 900 delegates have been chosen, will open at the Mann Auditorium here on Thursday.

This will be the party's first convention since it split from Mapam three years ago. Relations with other Labour Parties, as well as the principles of Socialism as understood by Ahdut Ha'avoda, will be the main topics of discussion. The convention will last for three days.

## Where to go

• **Meet the Israeli:**— Tourists invited to meet Israelis at home. Information at Government Tourist Office, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa.

### JERUSALEM

• **Zoo:**— Jerusalem Biblical Zoo. 8.30-5.

• **Exhibitions:**— 1) Permanent Exhibition of Jewish Ceremonial Art. 2) Ancient Pottery from various civilisations from the museum's collections. 3) A preview of Primitive Sculpture. 4) Contemporary English graphics. 5) "Who Was Rembrandt?" Bezalel, 9-1, 3.30-5.

Permanent Exhibition of Antiquities. Recent finds: marble statue of Nemesis. Department of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech, 9-1, 3-5.

Paintings by Jerusalem Artists, for sale up to IL100. Artists House, 10-1. Tomorrow 10-1.

• **Lecture:**— "Romeo and Juliet," by Leo Kirshbaum (Guest Lecturer), in English. Beeri Club, 9 Rehov Alharizi, 9.

• **Ballet:**— Klara Landau-Bondy Ballet Studio — 1) A Divertissement; 2) "Facade," One Act Ballet. Y.M.C.A., 4.

• **Tours:**— Hebrew University Conducted Tour (in English), daily 10 a.m. Administration Bldg., New University Campus. Every Tuesday leaving Administration Bldg. 11 a.m. a visit to Hebrew University Hadassah Medical School in New Medical Centre, Ein Karem. Phone (until Monday) 62980 for bookings.

Spend a morning with Hadassah on a conducted tour starting at 9 a.m. Book for this tour by phoning 4061, Hadassah Club, Straus Health Centre.

• **Libraries:**— Bezalel Museum. Sunday and Monday, 9-1; Tuesday and Thursday, 3-6.

• **Folk Dancing:**— Lesson, YMCA Boys' Auditorium, 8.30 p.m.

• **Matinee Literaire:**— Centre de Culture Française, "Le Petit Prince" de Saint-Exupery, interpretee par Gerard Philippe et Georges Poujouly, 3 Ben Yehuda, 5 p.m.

### TEL AVIV

• **Entertainment:**— Italian specialities. Lunch, Dinner. Luky's Bar-Restaurant, 3 Allenby Rd., First class Italian menu at IL 3.

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• **Tourist Service:**— Visit Hadassah Club, 30 Rehov Hayarkon. Tel. 23232.

• **Exhibitions:**— Yohanan Simon. Oils and Gouaches (Opening 5); Paintings by Yehiel Krize; Children's Art in the Kibbutz. Museum; 10-1, 4-7.

• **Z.O.A. House:**— Tourist Service (9.9); Jazz Club (8.30).

• **Circus:**— Medrano. Maichei Yisrael, two perfs., 4.30, 8.30.

• **Theatre:**— Habimah, "The Egg." 8. Cameri, "Marius," New Hall, 8. Ohel, "Eldorado," 8.

### HAIFA

• **Tourist Service:**— Visit Hadassah Club, 17 Jerusalem Street, Tel. 4676.

• **Lectures:**— Dr. F. Schiff on: "My trip to Greece," (with slides), Municipal Museum, Town Hall, 8.30 p.m.

### BEERSHEBA

• **Theatre:**— Habimah, "Throw Him To The Dogs."

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TEL AVIV, Ohel Shem, Thurs., March 13,
HADERA, Hof, Friday, March 14,
RISHON LE ZION, Tiferet, Sun., March 16,
BEERSHEBA, Keren, Mon., March 17,
JERUSALEM, Edison, Tues., March 18
HAIFA, Armon, Wed., March 19,
NATANYA, Sharon, Thurs., March 20,
HOLON, Armon, Fri., March 21,
RAMAT GAN, Rama, Sat., March 22,
REHOVOT, Beit Ha'am, Tues., March 25,
PETAH TIKVA, Heichal, Wed., March 26.

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### ISRAEL CHAMBER OF SHIPPING BULLETIN No. 1

Ships in Haifa Port on 7.3.58

| Name of Ship | Flag | Cargo discharged | Cargo loaded |
|---|---|---|---|
| Danfjord | Danish | — | loading cement |
| Hubro | Norwegian | 3400 tons fishmeal | 2,000 ton potash<br>71 trucks, 80 tons Cargal |
| Bygholm | Danish | — | loading citrus |
| Ashkelon | Israeli | 380 generals | 10,000 citrus<br>75 tons bananas |
| Tarantland | Swedish | — | loading citrus |
| Tabor | Israeli | — | loading citrus |
| Penobscot | American | milo | — |
| Nakhshon | Israeli | [illegible] generals, timber | 680 potash<br>300 generals |
| Zion | Israeli | 1375 generals | 30,000 citrus<br>300 generals |
| Galila | Israeli | 1710 generals | |
| G. Dimitrov | Bulgarian | passengers | |
| Kedma | Israeli | 420 generals | |
| Morava | Yugoslav | 397 tons timber | |
| Gitana | Dutch | 105 generals | 960 generals |
| Korana | Yugoslav | 200 timber | |
| Vikingland | Swedish | 508 generals | |

Ships laid up

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| Arisa | Israeli |
| Dvora | Israeli |
| A. Graetz | Israeli |
| Tel-Aviv | Israeli |
| Yam-suf | Israeli |

Ships Waiting at Haifa Anchorage

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| Marte | Italian | waiting for orders |
| D. Kondov | Bulgarian | waiting to load citrus |
| F. Gorthon | Swedish | waiting to load citrus |
| Kongsbro | Norwegian | waiting to load citrus |

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| Total cargo discharged on 7.3.58 | 6,898 | tons |
| Total cargo loaded on 7.3.58 | 1,573 | tons |
| Total citrus loaded | 71,160 | cases |
| Total discharged and loaded | 11,871 | tons |
| Total discharged from January 1958 to-date | 280,728 | tons |
| Total loaded from January 1958 to-date | 89,018 | tons |
| Total citrus loaded from January 1958 to-date | 2,571,945 | cases |
| Total loaded and discharged from January 1958 to-date | 314,343 | tons |

General Items of Interest

T/S Mount Vernon on Floating Dock for special survey. This is the largest vessel (tanker) to be accommodated on Dock. "Hayama" will receive Export Premium for this repair.

## Jerusalem Opens First 'Supermart'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem's first self-service store is open to the public from this morning on the second floor of the sorchonic in the centre of the Veterans' Quarter of Kiryat Yovel.

Staffed by four assistants and the manager, Mr. David Kraus, the bright, eight by 20 metre hall is lined with clearly marked and priced sections displaying a large variety of goods, from canned fruits and vegetables through hardware to dairy products in a freezer.

Customers pass through a turnstyle, take what they want as they move in a circle along the shelves and out past two girls who tot up the bills on adding machines.

This modest-scale American-style market has still to solve the problem of vegetables; at the moment customers have to weigh out their requirements themselves.

Several prominent Histadrut leaders were among the large crowd which attended yesterday's ceremonial opening.

## Economic Ministers Discuss Travel Tax

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A preliminary discussion on ways and means of raising IL6m. during the 1958/59 fiscal year through an additional tax on travel abroad was discussed yesterday by the Ministerial Economic Committee.

No decision was taken and the discussions are to be continued at the next meeting, sometime during the coming week, the spokesman for the Committee said yesterday.

Several proposals were advanced yesterday, but it was decided to delay a full-dress discussion until more data on the number of tickets sold, the classes of travel, and the expected effect of the tax had been collected.

## Bank Leumi to Pay 12½% Dividend

The Directors of Bank Leumi LeIsrael, Ltd., have proposed the distribution of a final dividend of 12½ per cent. The proposal will be heard at the annual shareholders' meeting on April 17.

An interim dividend of six per cent was paid on November 15. The dividend is subject to tax.

**SPUTNIK.** — Soviet astronomers have developed new sputnik-spotting instruments, Moscow Radio reported. One new instrument developed at Moscow's Institute of Astronomy, fixes the coordinates of the sputnik photoelectrically, making it possible to determine the sputnik's passage through a given point with great precision.

## AUTO PARTS IMPORTS TO BE RESUMED

The import of automotive spare parts and trucks, which was stopped in December, is to be renewed shortly and $1m. has been allocated for this purpose, it is learned in Jerusalem.

Of the sum, $450,000 will go for spare parts; $320,000 for trucks; $70,000 for the component parts of scooters and bicycles; $80,000 for taxis; $50,000 for appliances needed by garages, and the remainder will be kept in reserve.

## IL30m. Expected From Anniversary Tourists

An income of IL30m. in foreign currency is expected to be earned from the 35,000 tourists arriving during the Tenth Anniversary celebrations, according to Government Tourist Corporation sources.

About half the sum will come from people travelling to and from Israel in Zim ships or El Al planes, and the rest from internal travel, accommodation and purchases.

The stream of tourists is already said to be considerable and most Class I hotels are at present almost full to capacity. Although it is anticipated that the season will not start in earnest until March 15, the Corporation has already arranged for 4,500 rooms in private homes to accommodate the overflow. These rooms are expected to prove more than ample, it is stated.

The Corporation is issuing a series of explanatory booklets for tourists. Its offices are to stay open 12 hours daily starting on March 15.

The Corporation is also to initiate a local campaign shortly, calling on Israelis to show their best manners and display a hospitable attitude towards the visitors.

## 'Guaranteed Loan' Powers Extended

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ministerial Economic Committee yesterday extended indefinitely the authority of the Finance Minister to guarantee loans granted in the "public interest," the Committee spokesman announced.

Such loans are generally given to relieve drought stricken areas, for the purchase of citrus packaging material before the citrus season and for educational institutions.

The Committee also approved allowing the Minister to guarantee loans totalling more than 10 per cent of the Ordinary Budget upon approval of two-thirds of the Committee members present. Formerly, a unanimous decision was required.

From April 1, 1957 until the end of February 1958, the Minister guaranteed loans totalling IL65m., which, with previous loans, brings to IL124m. the amount guaranteed.

## Tel Aviv Stock Market

MARCH 9, 1958

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| Pop. Loan 1949/69 (IL20) | 100½ |
| 6% Comp. Loan 55/67 | 73¼ |
| Pal. Bearer Bds. Ser. 3 | 95½ |
| 3½% Comp. Loan | — |
| 5½% War Loan 54/29 | 95 |
| 3½% Tavei Dollar x) | 87½ |
| 6% Reg. Sterling "A" | 92 |
| Def. Loan Bonds 6½% f) | 100½ |
| 4½% Def Bonds f) | 99 |
| 6½% Def. Bonds g) | 100¾ |
| 6½% Loc. C. Debs. f) | 96¾ |
| 6½% Loc. C. Debs. g) | 107½ |
| Pal. Elec. pref. sh. (Ldn.) | 211 |
| 6½% Bonds 58/65 f) | 99½ |
| ditto g) | 111¼ |
| Keren Hayesod | |
| 6½% Deb. 55/65 f) | 97½ |
| ditto g) | 104¾ |
| 6% Deb. 59/63 f) | 96½ |
| ditto g) | 99¼ |
| Igroth Ltd. | |
| 6½% Deb. 58/65 f) | 99¼ |
| Rassco 6½% Deb. 58/65 | |
| Class "A" f) | 97¾ |
| Class "B" g) | 106¼ |
| Bk. Leumi ord. sh. | 150 |
| Bearer Savings Cert. '59 | 92½ |
| Bk. Leumi Investment | |
| Ord. sh. 'B' reg. | 103 |
| Ata ord. "B" sh. | 76¼ |
| "Kurdaneh" ord. "B" | 76¼ |
| 7% con. debs. 59/69 | 74 |
| "Teva" ord. sh. | 81 |
| Pal. Cold St. ord. sh. reg. | 123 |
| Pams 6% debs. 40/64 reg. | 86½ |
| Bizur 6% debs. 56/65 | 83½ |
| Nir 5% pref. sh. | 80 |
| Gen. Mortg. Bk. ord. sh. | 74½ |
| Rassco 6% pref. ord. sh. | 83 |
| I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg. | 73 |
| 5% debs. | 77 |
| Afr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh. | 80 |
| Moller ord. sh. reg. | 1135 |
| Pal. Brewery 6% con. debs. | 81 |
| Assis Ezjarane "B" sh. | 75 |
| Nesher 6% debs. "A" 55/64 | 113 |
| Pal. Potash "A" ord. sh. | 87 |
| Dead Sea Works | |
| 6% Deb. reg. | 217½ |
| Delek ord. sh. "C" | 82½ |
| Mekorot pref. sh. | 70½ |
| Jordan Exploration Co. | |
| Ord. sh. reg. | 82 |

Notes: a) purchasing price; b) selling price; c) ex. coupon; d) ex-dividend; e) ex-right; f) linked with $; g) linked with C.o.L.; x) in % of IL1.800.

## SAND DUNES TURNED INTO PASTURE

Local soil preservation experts think that they may have hit on a new method of converting sand dunes into farmland.

Some 1,000 dunams of coastland dunes at Kibbutz Ma'agan Michael, near Zichron Ya'acov, have been made fit for agriculture by planting sand-breaks of vegetation. The Soil Preservation Department, encouraged by the success of the experiment, intends to extend it to the entire sand areas of Hof Hacarmel.

The method used is not mentioned in any technical book and was hitherto unknown to the profession, the Department declared yesterday.

### Began in 1954

In the experiment, which began in 1954, an advance line of sand-breaking vegetation was planted to keep back sands driven inland by the waves. A series of belts of various plants interspersed with tamarisk trees were planted further inland to collect shifting sands. The land areas between the belts, filled with sand by the wind, were then sown for pasture.

Among the several results observed was that the wind drove sand into the breaks uncovering areas of agricultural land. The wind levelled these areas sufficiently for normal farm implements to be used.

Data obtained from observing the behaviour of winds, dunes, and different types of windbreaks will enable large tracts of sand-land to be converted to agricultural land, it was said.

## Swiss Raising Funds For Jerusalem Forest

BERNE, Sunday (UP). — An appeal for 100,000 francs ($23,360) to make a gift of a pine-tree forest to the State of Israel was launched here today by the Rev. Paul Vogt.

He said the 10,000 pine-trees purchased with this money would be sent to Jerusalem where the Israel Government is presently planting 1,500,000 pine-trees on the hills.

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### TO ALL EMPLOYERS

The Income Tax Commission wishes to remind employers that all Workers Cards (Form 101) for 1957/58, must be returned to the Assessing Officers before March 31, 1958.

Employers are requested to check once again the Workers Cards in their possession in order to be certain that the workers' personal declarations — Blocks 1 to 20 — are correctly filled in and the details up-to-date, that the details of special endorsements are noted in Block 24 and that all details of salaries and deductions are noted in columns 25 to 50 on each card.

After registration of the wages for March 1958, all salaries should be totalled and the Cards, attached to Form 121, returned to the Assessing Officers before the above date.

Y. SALMAN
Assistant Income Tax Commissioner

### EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

**JERUSALEM:** Meir, 46 Jaffa, 4192; Vitan, 30 Mea Shearim, 61243.

**TEL AVIV:** Breiman, 86 Allenby, 62262; Ramat Aviv, Shikun Ramat Aviv, Mercaz Mishari, 29453; Ben Yehuda, 142 Ben Yehuda, 23535; Yaani, 67 Yehuda Halevy, 62474; Ziva, Hatikva Quarter, 67403. **JAFFA:** Noga, near Noga Cinema, 81896. **RAMAT GAN:** Magen, 30 Bialik, 73674. **PETAH TIKVA:** Kobo, 3 Pinsker. **REHOVOT:** Levinsky, 170 Herzl, 95-1061. **HOLON:** Riback, Kikar Struma. **NATANYA:** Geva. **HAIFA:** Hagiborim, 30 Hagiborim, 67400.

### EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

**JERUSALEM:** Dr. Galewski, 29 King George, 2056; Dr. Shor, 45 Rashi.

**TEL AVIV:** Dr. Shaham, 1 Syrkin, 25843.

### BOMB SCARE IN EMPIRE STATE BLD'G

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuter). — Police searched two of New York's most famous buildings — the Empire State Building and the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel — yesterday after an anonymous telephone caller had said that bombs had been placed there.

They found no bombs.

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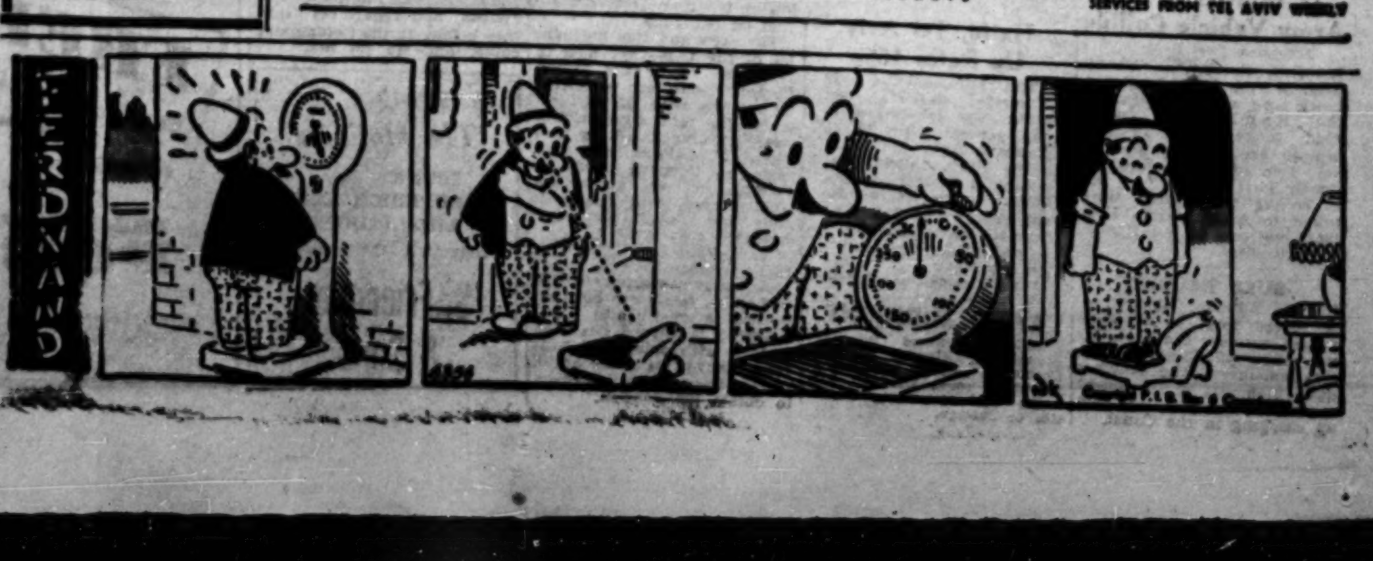

# Today's Postbag

## The Weather

FORECAST: Fair.

Weather Synopsis: A barometric high extending from Salonika to our region is causing fair weather.

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| Tiberias | 55 | 14 | 20 | 23 |
| Haifa Port | 57 | 15 | 19 | 21 |
| Natanya | 48 | 14 | 20 | 22 |
| Tel Aviv Kirya | 69 | 15 | 19 | 21 |
| Tel Aviv Port | 64 | 14 | 18 | 20 |
| Lydda Airport | 54 | 8 | 19 | 21 |
| Jerusalem | 55 | 6 | 15 | 16 |
| Beersheba | 46 | 10 | 18 | 20 |
| Sdom | 24 | 14 | 25 | 27 |
| Eilat | 19 | 20 | 28 | 26 |

*A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. yesterday. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

## ARRIVALS

Mr. Zvi Yehieli and Mr. A. Rosen, of the Zim Management, from a three-week visit to Tokyo. (by T.W.A.).

## DEPARTURES

Mr. David Pelé, news editor of "The Jewish Chronicle," London, after a two week visit as guest of the Tenth Anniversary Committee; and Mr. Arnold Field, after spending a month in Israel on an assignment for the "Empire News," Manchester (both for London by El Al).

**45 ELDERLY** persons from Haifa were the guests yesterday of the Safad Municipality and were shown around the town by Mayor A. Hacohen.

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**ANTI-POLIO** shots for Tel Aviv children born in 1957 will be given at the Straus Civic Health Centre during March and April.

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**MR. YA'ACOV HERUTI'S** request to be released on bail, pending hearings on the Attorney General's appeal against his acquittal on charges of leading a terrorist organization, will be heard by the President of the Tel Aviv District Court, Judge N. Barzakay, on Friday.

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**BURGLARS** broke into the "Gates of Heaven" Synagogue in Haifa on Friday night and stole IL15 from the collection box.

## TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

### The Struggle for Independence

*March 10, 1948*

Five weeks after the explosion which wrecked the press and offices of The Palestine Post, an official statement by the Public Information Office stated that police investigations had failed to establish the identity of the individuals responsible or the community to which they belonged.

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*The British representative on the Security Council, Sir Alexander Cadogan, was unable to give clear answers to questions about new Arab incursions into Palestine, the identity of the invaders and whether arms were reaching the country illegally.*

## Mobile Fashion Show For T.A. 'Nights of Israel'

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Three grand festival nights, entitled "Nights of Israel," will highlight Tel Aviv's activities during "The March of Prutot Week," according to the Tel Aviv branch of Ilanshil-Polio.

The week will open with a grand procession, including a mobile fashion show, to be staged by "Madim" fashion house. Dance groups, decorated vans, and bands will also participate in the march, to be opened at a ceremony at which the Mayor, Mr. Haim Levanon, will speak.

There will be dance and song to illustrate the ingathering of the exiles, and the redemption of the soil. Some 250 singers and dancers, directed by Shlomo Bar-Shavit and the choreographer Tova Zimbal, will participate. A pageant, in six tableaux, showing the growth of plants through to the harvest, will also be presented, as well as folk dances and rondo.

Tickets for these evenings —April 15, 16 and 17—ranging from IL7.500 to IL12.500 will be available on Zim liners for tourists on their way to Israel before the event, the organizers declared.

All the proceeds will go to Ilanshil-Polio.

A Brazilian and a Swiss football team have volunteered to play benefit matches for "The March of Prutot Week," it is also revealed. The football players will also participate in other celebrations.

Five thousand volunteers, including members of youth movements and women's organizations, will participate in Ilanshil's activities in Tel Aviv.

## Doesn't Want Son To Be Princess' 'Doormat'

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). —The father of Robin Douglas-Home, young British suitor of Princess Margaretha of Sweden, was quoted today as saying he is "fed up with Robin and his problems —and with the Swedes in general."

The "Sunday Dispatch" also reports Major Henry Douglas-Home as saying his son is being made a "doormat" in his romance with the Princess.

In Stockholm, it was learned that Princess Margaretha and Home will not become engaged during his present stay in Sweden. A communique issued by the Swedish Court today said that Mr. Home would fly home to Britain tomorrow and that he would return to Stockholm in the spring. The communique made no reference to an engagement.

Princess Margaretha and Mr. Home had not seen each other for over a year when the 25-year-old nephew of the Earl of Home arrived in Stockholm last week.

## Haifa Council Passes IL18m. Budget, 15% Rate Increase

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Sunday. — The City Council coalition majority this morning approved the IL18.2m. ordinary budget proposal for 1958/59 and a 15 per cent increase of all city rates (general, property, business tax).

Two separate votes were taken on the tax increase and on the budget. In the first the two Ahdut Ha'avoda and the Mapam councillors abstained. In the second, they voted together again with the coalition. Both explained later that they had voted against the increase on the room tax on social grounds, but had voted for the budget out of a sense of civic responsibility.

A four-hour debate, which began at 7.30 this morning, preceded the vote in which the councillors supported the rate increases or opposed the scales according to party affiliation.

Though interests clearly clashed, and the budget — the eighth presented by the present coalition — was the highest ever, arguments and presentation were sober and restrained, and Mayor Khoushy found a word of thanks for the opposition. "Why is it permitted to raise taxes in Ramat Gan, in Natanya and so on and not in Haifa?" he pointedly asked in his summing up. "The budgeting problems of municipalities and local councils have been thrashed out by the Local Authorities Centre since last October and all delegates were agreed that a tax rise was inevitable. They disagreed only on who was to pay it and how much."

### A "Purim Pose"

The Mayor said he was disturbed by the attitude of labour representatives in other city councils who rejected higher taxes. They were striking a "Purim pose" which reflected little political maturity.

He also took Haifa shopkeepers to task for blacking out their show windows at night as a protest against the higher rates, and warned against the proposal for linking city rates to income tax because further increases would then become necessary because of widespread tax evasion.

(The Mayor will receive a shopkeepers' delegation to discuss their objections to the tax increases.)

The increases were relatively small. In Zone "A" the general rate would rise from IL37 to IL43 per room, in "B" from IL32 to IL37 and in "C" from IL25 to IL28.

"It is a minimum rise, and we shall explain it to the citizens," he said, after criticizing the Press for failing to put the City administration's view across.

Mr. Dan Gavrieli (G.Z.) regretted that because of coalition disputes the budget had not been discussed by the full budget committee, as was normal practice. He said that vital budget statistics had been withheld until the very last minute, preventing a thorough study. He alleged that it was an "election budget" with a concealed deficit, some unrealistic revenue figures, and cuts that the departments affected could not live up to.

"Will your new tax increases encourage investment in Haifa?" he asked.

### Tax Increase Essential

Dr. G. Kaminka (Progressive) stressed that conditions dictated a tax rise. "But can services be reduced or their costs cut?" he asked. "The public has come to accept them as a matter of course, but tends to forget that it must pay for them."

Of the IL18m. budget allocations, IL3m. were for servicing development loans, and 60 per cent of the balance represented wages. Expenditure could not be cut, and only a reduction of staff by 10 per cent could obviate higher taxes.

Some well-established quarters, such as Kiryat Haim and Kiryat Eliezer, paid taxes which were below their capacity, he complained. The time for such privileges had passed. The Progressive Party would approve the new taxes only if the increases did not exceed 15 per cent, and if no discriminatory scale were introduced.

Mr. Y. Ganon (Sephardi) warned that the budget was not balanced. The Tenth Anniversary Festivities would cost more than the IL90,000 allocated, while the proportion earmarked for services was below that in Tel Aviv. Haifa tax increases, however, were stiffer than those in Tel Aviv.

Mr. M. Rav-Hai (Mapai) pointed out that the city staff could be said to have shrunk, as it had not kept pace with the growth in population. "What we propose now scarcely serves to maintain present standards of services," he said.

Rebutting opposition charges, Deputy Mayor M. Flieman cited a list of Haifa's achievements in public works. He said that in 1956/57 the average general rate in Haifa was IL23 per person — in Tel Aviv IL32.

He went on to say that the zoning of Rehov Herzl would remain as it was, and that villas would be taxed more only if they had more rooms than occupants (condition made by the Progressive Councillor).

At the end of the debate, the Mayor took leave of the Council prior to his departure for Europe on Tuesday on a Bond Drive mission.

## Acre Raises Rates By 20 Per Cent

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRE, Sunday. — A 20 per cent rise in all municipal rates was approved on Friday by seven votes of Mapai, Ahdut Ha'avoda and the Orthodox bloc, against six votes of opposition councillors.

The City Council also approved the replacement of Deputy-Mayor M. Finkelstein (Mapam) by Mr. Y. Greif of Ahdut Ha'avoda, thus officially completing Mapam's break with the coalition.

## T.A. Tax Rise Of 15% Adopted

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Tel Aviv rates will rise by an average of 15 per cent varying according to existing grade scales, the Municipal Council decided today, by a vote of 16 coalition to 14 opposition votes.

In a prolonged discussion of procedure—which turned into a full-dress debate—opposition members opposed reconsideration of the rates level, which they claimed had been decided upon at the previous session. Then, the opposition had voted against rate increases, after the Mayor had officially adjourned the council meeting. The Mayor rejected the validity of that decision and called for a vote on the coalition proposal — which was passed.

A dangerous precedent in procedure would be set by ignoring last week's opposition decision, Mr. E. Shechter (Mapai) claimed. He reminded the Council of occasions on which the Knesset opposition had commanded a temporary majority, yet the Speaker had not adjourned the session because of it.

Mr. Shechter declared that he would not oppose rate increases mechanically, especially when they were necessary for maintenance of essential services, but the budget proposals did not link this additional income with improved services, he claimed.

He also complained that increases were not to be imposed proportionately on business premises, with the coalition favouring certain pressure groups and party connections. Earlier in the meeting Mr. Shechter moved a vote of no confidence in the Mayor in view of his conduct of the previous meeting. The motion was rejected by the Council.

Mr. S. Kentor (Ahdut Ha'avoda) charged that Tel Aviv's taxation system unduly discriminated against the lower income groups and declared that he saw no justification for the huge sums devoted to cultural and entertainment projects and for the Municipal jubilee exhibition.

## Beersheba Taxes Remain Stable

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — Property rates here will not rise this year according to an agreement reached between the partners of the Municipal coalition.

Water rates, however, will go up by five per cent following a rise by Mekorot for water supplied to the town. The Municipal Council meeting scheduled for tonight was postponed until tomorrow.

## Petah Tikva Ups Rates 5-15%

PETAH TIKVA, Sunday. — General rates in Petah Tikva will rise by 5 to 15 per cent, and property taxes by 7½ to 15 per cent, the Municipal Council decided tonight.

The decision was supported by Mapai, Ahdut Ha'avoda, Hapoel Hamizrahi, and Poalei Agudat Yisrael, and was opposed by the General Zionists and Herut.

Mapam Deputy Mayor H. Zakai joined the opposition in voting against the rise.

The increases will not apply to the "Gimmel" and "Daled" regions far from the centre of the town where the public housing quarters are concentrated. *(Itim)*

## J'lem Finance C'ttee Airs Rates Rise

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Municipality Finance Committee met last night to consider the Executive's proposal to increase the general rates by 10 per cent. Another meeting of the committee is scheduled to be held before the Municipal Council votes on the budget later in the week.

## FRESH WATER WELL FOUND AT SDOM

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — A fresh-water well with a substantial flow was discovered near the Sdom Potash Works today. Although exact measurements of the quantities have not been made yet, it is believed that the well will be able to serve for potash leeching purposes in the works.

## B-G Talks to B'nai B'rith Group

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"If you and your children are able to read the Bible in the original, you will be prouder Americans as well as better Jews. If, in addition, all your members pay at least one visit to Israel, you will have created a living link between the independent Jewish Israel and the great Jewish community in the free U.S.," the Prime Minister yesterday told a delegation of 160 members of B'nai B'rith of the U.S. and Canada.

In jovial mood, Mr. Ben-Gurion warmly welcomed the visitors as belonging to the only world Jewish organization with a Hebrew name. He was speaking at Beit Hillel, set up by B'nai B'rith and in the hall bearing the name of its American President, Mr. Philip Klutznik.

Among the many bons mots which delighted the audience the Prime Minister declared:

*One of the differences between you and us is that we live entirely among Jews. — It isn't easy.*

*I can't promise you a Sinai Campaign every year.*

*You need Hebrew in addition to American—I'm sorry, they still call it English.*

*As Bialik said: Reading a great work in translation is like kissing one's beloved through a veil.*

The members of the delegation—the forerunners of the B'nai B'rith international convention which is to be held in Jerusalem at the close of the Tenth Anniversary Year—yesterday attended the planting in the Martyrs Forest in the Jerusalem Corridor of a wood in memory of members of the organization who fell victim to the Nazis in Europe.

## Goldstein: U.S. Jewry Fully Backs Israel

LONDON, Sunday (INA). — Dr. Israel Goldstein said last night that it is a source of satisfaction that American Jewry continues "unabated its moral and material support of Israel."

He told a conference of the Reorganized Confederation of General Zionists that the feeling of U.S. Government circles towards Israel had improved considerably since the time of the Sinai campaign.

However, he said, there is a sense of concern over reports that there are "behind-the-scenes" attempts in some quarters to instigate discussions regarding territorial concessions which Israel should make to her neighbours.

Regarding the internal situation among General Zionists, Dr. Goldstein gave a detailed outline of developments leading to a split in General Zionism, in which the Reorganized Confederation insists that General Zionists in the Diaspora should not be affiliated with any political party in Israel.

He said, "Because of the existence of the State of Israel, other Zionist parties would do well to follow our example for the good of the Zionist movement, and we regard ourselves as trail blazers of an important path for Zionism."

He pointed out that the new Confederation represents numerically "by far the largest constituency within General Zionism, including Hadassah, and General Zionists in Europe, North Africa, Britain and the Latin American countries."

Mr. Louis Lipsky, the veteran U.S. Zionist leader, today addressed a message from New York to the conference, associating himself with the new organization. He said that "the national home and centre of the Jewish people is the State of Israel; but the autonomy of the Jews in the Diaspora and their right to live their own life in what is in reality their own home, cannot be denied or depreciated."

## U.K. Denies Plan To Test Another H-Bomb

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter).—Official sources here today denied a Sunday newspaper report that Britain would explode another H-bomb on Christmas Island in the Pacific before the end of the month.

The report said that Prime Minister Macmillan had given orders for the test.

A majority verdict in favour of Britain making her own long-range rockets instead of relying on U.S. manufacture was obtained in a gallup poll published in London today.

Of the people questioned, 19 per cent felt that manufacture of rockets should be left to America. But 57 per cent said Britain should make her own.

## Came to Israel to Film a Desert

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday. — "I came to Israel to find a stretch of real desert without a trace of vegetation, 300 horses, camels, and Roman horsemen, and 3,000 people for a mob scene." This was stated by Mr. Andre Martin, Metro Goldwyn Mayer film director, on his arrival today from New York by TWA to prepare for the local filming of parts of a new M.G.M. version of "Ben Hur."

Mr. Martin said that he would try to shoot most of the sequences connected with Israel here on the spot. Some scenes, however, such as the famous race of war chariots, ostensibly taking place in Jerusalem, will be "faked" and shot in Rome. The city gates of Jerusalem have already been built in Hollywood.

Some 100 fully equipped technicians and properties, including costumes for Arabs, Jews and Romans, arms and chariots, are already in Rome and will be sent here when all is ready. Israel sequences will take about three weeks to film.

The picture will be M.G.M.'s second on 65mm film, he said. Charles Heston will star, while the rest of the cast has not yet been decided on.

Mr. Martin said that he intended to make privately, not on behalf of M.G.M., two films on Israel, "The Young Joshua" and "Nathan the Wise." *(Itim)*

## Driver Taken For Ride

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—A 20-year old man was arrested here today on the complaint of a taxi driver, Yosef Hasid, of Petah Tikva, who claimed that he had hired him to drive him around town for an hour and a half. When the time came to pay the fare, the young passenger confessed that he did not have the money.

## Fined IL500 For Road Death

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Avdi Matok, a 27-year old taxi driver, was today fined IL500 and deprived of his driving licence for a period of two years after he was found guilty of causing the death of a pedestrian six weeks ago.

The accused had hit Yitzhak Leibowitz, a Tel Aviv factory manager, with the fender of his taxi, while the latter was on the pedestrian crossing near the Central Post Office in Tel Aviv.

The Court accepted the fact that the victim had died of an embolism which resulted from his leg injuries, and the fact that the accused had given up driving, as mitigating circumstances in passing sentence.

## Driver of Fatal Bus Fined IL400

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Sunday. — Amnon Ya'ar, 23, an Egged bus driver who last March hit and killed a pedestrian on the Hadera-Afula road, was today found guilty of careless driving and fined IL400 by District Court Judge E. Slonim. He was also given a suspended six-month term.

## Woman, 45, Commits Suicide in Yarkon

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The body of a woman found on Saturday on the banks of the Yarkon River near the Seven Mills was today identified as that of Dina Gotta, 45, of Givatayim. Investigations revealed that she had been employed at the Elite factory at Ramat Gan.

It is believed that she committed suicide. *(Itim)*

## Amateur Sleuth Not Forgotten

HAIFA, Sunday. — Fifteen-year-old Nissim Franko, who helped the police in finding the murderer of the "Ma'ariv" newspaper boy, Hans Hecht, has been presented with the complete sets of the shipping and the tribes stamps series by the Minister of Posts.

Haifa police have meanwhile found the young detective a temporary job in the city, and are making efforts to get him permanently employed, as he is the sole breadwinner for his mother and five brothers and sisters.

## Order Nisi Granted In Espresso Imports

The High Court of Justice yesterday granted an order nisi to a new immigrant from Poland calling on the Director of Customs to show cause why he should not release two Espresso machines and a coffee grinder that the applicant had brought to the country as a capital transfer.

The applicant, Mr. Yosef Zaviodowsky, had intended to come to Israel in 1948 but had been ordered by his Haganah superiors in Poland to remain there at the time. In the meantime immigration from Poland was cut off, but Mr. Zaviodowsky managed to smuggle $700 to a friend in France.

Prior to his arrival in this country last May, he requested his friend to purchase the machines and to send them to Israel in his name. They arrived two months after he reached Israel and after he had declared to the customs authorities his intention of bringing them.

He claims that the Director of Customs has impounded the machines for the past eight months and has refused either to release them or to confiscate them. In this, he claims, the Director acted entirely outside the law and against the interests of justice. *(Itim)*

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## R'lwy Fare Rise Of 13.6% Approved

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An express train which will shorten the travelling time on the Tel Aviv-Haifa line to one hour and five minutes is to start running on May 1.

A decision to this effect was adopted yesterday by the Ministerial Economic Committee, which also approved a series of train fare increases, effective April 1. The maximum increase, of 13.6 per cent on the Tel Aviv-Haifa line, still leaves train fares cheaper than bus fares.

The increases are expected to bring in IL500,000 in additional revenue.

The Tel Aviv-Haifa fare is to be increased from IL1.100 to IL1.250. (The present bus fare is IL1.430.) For the round trip, the fare is to rise from IL2.090 to IL2.350, an increase of 12.4 per cent.

The fare is being increased on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem run from 940 pruta to IL1, an increase of 6.4 per cent. (The bus fare is IL1.265.)

The Haifa-Jerusalem run will be increased from IL1.760 to IL2, or by 13.6 per cent. (The bus fare is IL1.850.) On the Tel Aviv-Beersheba line the rise is from IL1.320 to IL1.400.

The Haifa-Naharlya line, which is to go into operation soon, will charge 450 pruta for a one way trip and 900 pruta for a round trip.

The fee for reserved seats remains at 250 pruta.

## Flexible Plastic Barge for Liquids

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Sunday. — A plastic container for the transport by water of liquids was today demonstrated in the Port here by its inventor, Mr. Emanuel Wechsler.

The flexible sausage-shaped container, seven metres long and 80 cms. in diameter, was filled with 1,200 litres of gas oil and towed by a motor launch. It glided easily through the water, more than half submerged. The container is capped by conical metal heads at the ends that reduce friction to a minimum.

Mr. Wechsler declared that the transport of liquids in plastic containers had become a practical proposition and that experiments were going on in the U.S., Britain, Germany and elsewhere. The distinctive feature of his container, which is patented, lay in the conical head, which made for easier towing, filling and emptying.

The container could be of any size, and he would now build one of 200-ton capacity and send it to Europe this summer for exhibition to interested parties.

The cost of manufacturing such floating barges was a fraction of the sum involved in building ocean-going tankers, probably a quarter or less, depending on size. The plastic container folds like a raincoat when empty. It is suitable for the transport of any liquid, and even grain, and may also be used for storage purposes, since it is weather proof.

Mr. Wechsler, 45, was born in Beirut, but lived most of his life in France. He began to work on his plastic containers over two years ago. He operates a plant for the manufacture of plastic casting machinery in Haifa and hopes to go into mass production of the container as soon as he can find financial backers.

## RATION NEWS

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## Government Share in Building Excessive, Dr. Y. Foerder Says

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Dr. Yeshayahu Foerder, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the General Mortgage Bank, today deplored "the disproportionate role" the Government played in the building trade in Israel.

He told the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bank that the Government was directly responsible for half the financing of home building, while private interests and housing companies were wary of taking risks and expected to be covered by Treasury guarantees.

Private building around Tel Aviv was motivated chiefly by high profits and was no indication of the willingness of private interests to build in development areas.

There was only one instance of a welcome departure from the present situation, he said, citing the corner-stone-laying of 60 houses in Eilat, to be built by private contractors.

The Housing Division of the Ministry of Labour, however, was responsible for not giving private builders a free hand in such towns as Beersheba, which was ripe for private interest to step in, Dr. Foerder said. The Housing Division should be a "Housing Authority," not a "Housing Company," with its primary role a pioneering one, he stressed.

The Board approved the distribution of a 9½ per cent dividend on ordinary shares and 7½ per cent on preferred shares, an increase of a half per cent and of a quarter per cent respectively. The rise was made possible by reduced operating costs, Dr. Foerder said.

The Bank's balance sheet totalling IL37m. was also approved. Last year's balance sheet totalled IL32.5m.

Dr. Foerder also announced a new debenture issue of IL3m. to be put on the market as soon as the Ministry of Finance and the Knesset Finance Committee approved the 6½ per cent interest which the Bank proposes to pay on it. The new issue would come after a long hiatus in issuing commercial debentures and it was based on the belief that the market would readily accept such securities. Most securities available on the market at present are Government issues or are issued by Government-controlled bodies.

The Mortgage Bank debentures will be linked to the dollar — a departure from its former principles and a concession to the widespread practice. The name of Bank Leumi, which will cooperate in the new issue, is a sufficient guarantee for the public, Dr. Foerder said.

The Board unanimously re-elected Mr. H. Ellen, Mr. M. P. Hassoun and Mr. L. Cohen to the Board of Directors. The members of the Board rose to hear Dr. Foerder eulogize the former chairmen of the Board, Mr. S. Z. Hoofien and Dr. A. Barth, who had passed away since its last meeting.

## Locusts Invade Negev; More on Way

BEERSHEBA, Sunday.—More locusts have appeared in the Negev.

A large swarm settled this evening on an area of 200 dunams south of Revivim. A spray plane and ground sprayers will be brought into action at dawn tomorrow.

A swarm of pink locusts appeared last night between Ein Bokek and Ein Gedi on the Dead Sea. Most of the insects were killed this morning by the Plant Protection Department, but some which settled on the cliffs could not be reached.

The Department today expressed concern at the large concentrations of locusts massed on the Jordanian and Egyptian borders and which are being driven into Israel by the wind.

## Report on School Kitchens Ready

The "Cocoa Committee" held its final meeting in Jerusalem yesterday. Its report will be submitted tomorrow to the Ministers of Health and Education, it is learned.

The six-man inquiry body which was set up to investigate sanitary conditions in Jerusalem's school kitchens following the 700 cases of food poisoning among Jerusalem schoolchildren on January 30, was appointed over a month ago by the two Ministers.

## S. African Citrus Mission on Tour

Members of a visiting delegation of the South African Citrus Board last night met with members of the Israel Citrus Marketing Board in Tel Aviv. The group, which has toured local citrus groves, packing houses and shipping facilities, expressed great interest in the fruit waxing process here, a method soon to be introduced in South Africa.

On Saturday, accompanied by Dr. Y. Arnon, Director-General of the Finance Ministry, and Mr. I. Rokach, Chairman of the Citrus Marketing Board, they visited Haifa Port.

Included in the delegation are Messrs. N.A. Van Breda, Chairman of the South African Citrus Board; L.W. Du Toit, his deputy; C. Stewart; J.J. Bruinette, General Manager of the Board; Mr. Kerr Crosse, and Mr. Ivan Solomon.

The latter, the only Jewish member of the delegation, is a former Mayor of Pretoria.

## Swedish XI Plays In Haifa Tonight

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Swedish soccer club, Goteburg, will play the third game of its tour here against a selected team from Tel Aviv Maccabi and Hapoel and Haifa Maccabi, at the Haifa Municipal Stadium at 7.30 p.m. tomorrow (Monday). On Wednesday, the Swedes play their last game in Israel at Jaffa, probably against the same selected as it will meet in Haifa.

The Swedish footballers were entertained at a Tel Aviv Hapoel reception at Beit Hapoel here tonight.

## DIZENGOFF ESSAY PRIZE AWARDED

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — First prize in an essay contest among Tel Aviv seventh grade students on the personality of the late Meir Dizengoff, first Mayor of Tel Aviv, was awarded today to Shoshana Weintraub of the Dizengoff School.

The prize, and nine others, was awarded at a ceremony at the Mann Auditorium which was attended by a crowd of 2,500 on the occasion of the 22nd anniversary of the death of Meir Dizengoff. *(Itim)*

## N.Y. Flare-Up Over Business on Sunday

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — Religious discussion has flared up anew over proposed legislation to permit New York City merchants who observe the Sabbath on Saturday to do business on Sunday.

A statement issued through the Roman Catholic Archdiocese, declared that the bill was not a "fair Sabbath law, but a no-Sabbath law."

On the other hand, a leading Jewish spokesman lauded the proposed measure as one giving all citizens "the right to keep the Sabbath of their religious convictions."

On Thursday, the City Council requested the State Legislature to approve a measure that would permit persons in the City to do business on Sunday if they observed another day as the Sabbath. The Council, voting 14-7 in favour of the request, was divided along religious lines.

The measure is pending in the Legislature. Because it is a local one applying only to New York City, it requires a majority of two-thirds in both Senate and Assembly.

### Sunday Tradition

The Catholic statement was issued by the Archdiocesan Coordinating Committee of Catholic Lay Organizations, which represents 62 lay groups. The statement said, in part:

"The tradition of our country is that Sunday is a day primarily for religious observance and rest. New York City should be no exception to this tradition."

The statement by a Jewish spokesman was made from the pulpit by the Rev. R. J. Sharfman, President of the Rabbinical Council of America.

He declared that the measures would end "the discriminatory regulation of enforcing the religious practices of one group upon the adherents of another."

The Rev. Dr. Paul Rishell, head of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Protestant Council of the City of New York, said in an interview on Saturday that the department supported "the principle involved" in the legislation, but opposed any further commercialization of Sunday.

**CAR PRICES.** — Henry Ford, President of the Ford Motor Company, has sent a letter to Congressman Charles Chamberlain (Rep., Mich.) stating that price reductions in the industry "cannot be made in the face of rising costs."

In the DISTRICT COURT of Haifa, PROBATE CASE 95/58

In the matter of Israel Lewis Hinden of Liverpool, deceased on 1.2.1957.

Petitioner: Hyam Joseph Hinden of Liverpool, through his attorney Dr. A. Gross, adv., of 47 Ha'atzmaout Road, Haifa.

Let all persons know, that upon expiration of 10 days from the date of publication hereof the District Court of Haifa will hear the application for sealing of the probate of late Israel Lewis Hinden's last will, granted by the High Court of Justice of Liverpool on 22nd of May 1957.

Dated this 26 of February, 1958.

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**TURKEY'S VETO**

GREECE will be without effective government for two months during which time a caretaker Government will hold office while General Elections are held. It is inevitable that during this period a new plan for Cyprus will be formulated by the British Government. The general view is that the absence of an effective Government neither weakens Greece's capacity to deal with any new phase of Cyprus negotiations, nor reduces the urgency of trying to settle the question.

Archbishop Makarios still firmly holds to his old line that Cyprus is a dispute between Britain and the Cypriots and does not require the intervention of either Greece or Turkey. Nevertheless, Cyprus will be one of two major issues in the forthcoming elections — the other is the question of rocket missile bases for Nato. In one sense the Cyprus question is artificial, since neither the former Government party of Constantine Karamanlis nor the Opposition party of the Liberals have any fundamental disagreements over Cyprus.

All the signs point strongly to the fact that Greek influence is working for the maintenance of the Eoka truce in Cyprus. Nobody in Greece sees any advantage in Eoka resuming terror at this stage, but it is equally agreed that some results must be shown before long if the present truce is to continue beyond its first year.

The Greeks have come a long way from the original demand of "Enosis (union of Cyprus with Greece) and nothing but Enosis." It is generally recognized in Athens that Cyprus is now deadlocked and that further militant action cannot produce self-determination overnight. It is believed that Greeks and Greek Cypriots alike would be prepared to accept a compromise. This would have to include such points as that the *status quo* should remain unchanged for, say, seven years, while a new Constitution is worked out for the island.

The Turks, Government and Opposition alike, on the other hand, are fully committed to Partition for Cyprus, a solution that is made particularly difficult by the fact that the Greek and Turkish communities on the island are socially separate but geographically closely interwoven. In Turkey, Partition is represented as a major concession on the score that, historically speaking and from the point of view of security, Turkey is entitled to claim the whole of the island. It is strongly felt in Greece that it was only the Turkish veto that killed the compromise worked out between the Greek Cypriots and Britain some months ago and the Greeks are bitterly resentful of what they consider to be Britain's appeasement policy in this respect. They are remarkably calm about the possibility of Cyprus precipitating another Greco-Turk war. On the one hand they dismiss the possibility as simply being "the British believing their own propaganda." On the other hand they say that Turkey is in a mood for adventurism and that it is up to Britain and America to warn Ankara of the consequences of any adventure in Cyprus. What, they ask, did Selwyn Lloyd, the British Foreign Secretary, tell the Turks when they spoke of the possibility of Turkey being dragged into war against Greece over Cyprus? Did he warn them in unmistakable terms that they would face not only Greek but also British bayonets in Cyprus? Others doubt whether Turkey will really embark on any extreme move and believe that Britain and Greece could take the risk. But there is no inclination in Britain to take risks with the only Baghdad Pact member with a Western outlook.

# U.K. LABOUR LEADERS SPLIT ON DEFENCE

By GERDA L. COHEN

LONDON. — THE divergence of opinion within the Labour Party, which has now widened to a chasm, was first given prominence by Mr. Bevan at the Party conference in October. He did a sledge-hammer job on a proposal that Britain should renounce the nuclear bomb, even if no other country did, because reliance on it could only bring annihilation. Mr. Gaitskell also drove his nail into the coffin, and the proposal was duly buried. But its ghost stalks today, making life uncomfortable for the Opposition leadership.

A vociferous section of the Party has always campaigned against the nuclear deterrent, and they were recently fortified in their rebellion by a small band of Socialist shock-troopers, dubbed the 'ginger' group, which includes such deep-pink stalwarts as Mr. Ian Mikardo and Mr. Konni Zilliacus.

Although the 'ginger' group denied any intention of dividing allegiance to the Party, their ebullience provoked a great fluster at Transport House. And no wonder, for, however disunited a party may be, there is every reason for concealing this from the electorate. But the nebulous paraphrases last week in the Commons could no longer conceal that Labour, no more than the Government, cannot speak with a firm voice on the problem of national defence.

Clearly, something has gone wrong; if editorials in both "The Times" and "The Herald" can punch holes in the Defence White Paper from opposite sides of the sheet, then it must be obvious that the policy of 'massive nuclear deterrent' has been shaken.

### Gobbling Newsprint

The vast, vague British public, gobbling up more newsprint than any other nation — possibly excepting Israel — is aware that something has gone wrong. The tone of television interviews, the voting results at by-elections, the reluctance to attend political meetings, let alone undertake party chores, all point to one thing: the citizen has begun to suspect that Labour and Conservative are Tweedledum and Tweedledee. This emerged in a telling fashion over Defence questions.

Outside Westminster, meanwhile, people of strong convictions about the nuclear arms race have raised their voice louder than in the Commons. Following the protest march to Downing Street — which won its press comment through clashes with the police, rather than its ideology — comes a referendum in Oxford. Should Britain ban the Bomb? Should we permit missile bases on British soil? The questions are frankly designed to provoke thought and jolt the undergraduate out of his preoccupation with Greats. An extravaganza of tomato-hurling and flour battles at the installation of Glasgow University's Rector showed that the student body could profit by some diversion.

No doubt, Cambridge won't be outdone by her sister University; one can expect a ballot there too. A band of ardent under-graduettes, borrowing the idea from Aristophanes' heroine Lysistrata, have pledged themselves not to go out with any student unless he campaigns for nuclear disarmament.

All these potential voters, obviously, will hesitate before backing a party unable to speak boldly on the nuclear dilemma. For some time, the Labour executive and the Trades Union Council have been mulling over a manifesto on disarmament. The conflicting statements by Labour leaders and followers make it extremely hard to frame. But every hour makes such a compromise declaration more imperative. Another debacle in the Commons would really precipitate disruption of the Labour facade.

## NEW HOTEL OPENS IN EILAT

*The 58-room Eilat Hotel that will be officially inaugurated today is already booked solid for the next two months. The building, whose construction was interrupted a number of times and took four years to complete, was designed by Danish architects. The kitchen is kasher and the hotel will employ 38.*

Photo by Shadmon

# Bat Yam Balloons Into A City

By a Special Correspondent

BAT Yam, like O. Henry's streets of New York, has been damaged by improvement. The extent of the damage and the improvement can be appreciated by the fact that they are both being codified this month by the Ministry of Interior. This once sleepy little seaside village has graduated to cityhood and its matriculation has been fast and furious.

Once upon a time, in the early days of Statehood, to confess residence in Bat Yam was tantamount to admitting to also being *non compos mentis* because the population of Bat Yam was only a zero or two ahead of the population of its two hospitals for the mentally deranged. But the stigma had its advantages. Those who sought a semi-rural home, near enough to Tel Aviv for comfort and yet far enough to shut out the bustle and bang of the metropolis found it in the sandy stretches of Bat Yam. Mothers had an endless playground for their children; fathers could indulge in hobby farming and gardening after work; eggs were abundant where chicken coops were the rule rather than the exception; and summer vacations were only a five minute walk from home. Even as recently as 1951, Bat Yam was a lazy townlet with a population of less than 10,000. And at that time it more or less approximated the vision of its founders who as early as 1919 saw the makings of a quiet suburb on the undulating sand hills of Jebilya.

One hundred and sixteen members of Mizrahi, meeting in 1919, formulated the idea of Bayit v'Gan which was as simple as its literal meaning: house and garden. They envisaged suburban settlements in various parts of the country whose establishment would answer two problems: the shortage of housing for the post-World War I immigrants; and the dearth of religious sentiment in the existing colonies. The Bayit v'Gan Association was constituted, a site selected, plots purchased, contracts drawn up. But it took seven years before the pilgrim fathers planted the first stakes of Jewish settlement on this coastal strip south of Jaffa. During that time they enlisted the aid of a distinguished engineer, Dr. Alexander Berwald, who planned a model town "complete with boulevards, commercial centre, public buildings and gardens, a railway station, port, municipality, and 463 private plots of two dunams each."

Dr. Berwald's plan was still on paper when the first 30 families moved onto their plots in 1926. The late Rav Benyamin, one of the first settlers and the originator of the name "Bayit v'Gan," recalled: "We shuffled in the sand, scorched by the sun and covered with perspiration and sand which stuck to our flesh. And when the Sabbath came, with no water on hand, the small group of settlers would arm themselves with bottles of *gazoz* purchased in nearby Jaffa."

Up to and during the War of Liberation — during which time the entire town became an isolated armed camp—Bayit v'Gan reverberated with the difficulties and changes which beset the Yishuv as a whole. During the riots of 1929 the settlement was completely cut off and the British army moved in "to keep the peace." The population was in a chronic state of turmoil. Bankruptcy and unemployment threatened its very existence. In 1933, with a population of about 250 souls, Bayit v'Gan got an injection of new blood. Immigrants from Central and Eastern Europe found their way into the settlement. But at the same time these new settlers disturbed the ideological homogeneity of the existing closed framework, and in the course of time rendered it untenable. When, in 1936, a workers' colony comprising 200 flats was established adjacent to Bayit v'Gan, the organic development of life in this sandy acreage finally shattered the paper and ideological boundaries which had held the little community intact. The Mandatory Government declared the area a township: within its jurisdiction 3,000 dunams, 1,300 inhabitants, 1,146 built rooms, 75 stores and 14 industrial establishments and workshops. The original damage was signed and sealed. And with it, the original improvement.

### Name Changed

In 1939, the name Bayit v'Gan was discarded. There were too many other Bayit v'Gan settlements scattered throughout the country and this naturally robbed the name of any clear-cut local connotation. When the name Bat Yam was selected, it was primarily in deference to the natural attributes of the place. But there was a prophetic undertone in the selection of this short name so easy to pronounce: the village elders felt that in the absence of any guttural letters, the verbalization of Bat Yam would be singularly uniform. Immigrants of the most diverse national origins would all say it the same way!

A bird's eye view of the changes which transformed Bat Yam the village into Bat Yam the city can be given in three figures: in 1948 the population was 1,500; in 1951 it had grown to 10,000; today the population stands at 28,000, and the word "stands" is as misleading as is the present figure. The influx of people into Bat Yam can only be compared with the philosophic and scientific observation that not only is it impossible to step into the waters of a river in the same place twice; it is impossible to perform this feat even once! Any population survey of Bat Yam would be rendered obsolete at the very time of its recording. At the beginning of this school year, one of the first grade classes numbered 36 children. By Hanukka there were 46 in the same class. At that time 10 children were transferred to a parallel first-grade class, trimming the figure to its original full size. By Tu Bishvat, the number had swelled again to 47. This is one class of one specific age range in one neighbourhood and Bat Yam has a total of 112 classes.

### Sand Going

There is still plenty of sand in the new city; but it is slowly being swallowed by an army of cement mixers grinding out enough houses to keep 1,200 construction workers busy every day. Up until last year, most of the housing effort was concentrated in filling out the periphery: Amidar, a giant assembly of four-family white box houses, juts right into Jaffa; Oleh Hadash in three varieties rubs shoulders with Holon; Shikun Havatikim extends to the south-eastern extremity of the city; and Ramot Yam is perched on the southernmost hills, peering wistfully over the sands at the uninhabited dunes of Rishon le-Zion. (A *nach-Sueden* campaign for the annexation of 8,000 more dunams is being carried on by the Bat Yam municipality in correspondence with the Ministry of Interior). On the southern lowlands facing the sea is the new asbestos *ma'bara* with 460 units. (The old *ma'bara* was liquidated four years ago).

This year, the building bug bit Bat Yam proper. There is hardly one original Bayit v'Gan house which does not languish in the shadow of an apartment house with 12, 16, or 24 flats. Up and down the boulevard, a medley of blue, green, yellow, pink, terra cotta, and cream-coloured porches on four levels accompany the promenaders, from the impressive Memorial Square down to Herzl Street, only two short blocks from the sea front. Even the spirits have been defied: a cream and blue house has risen over the remains of what was once the repository for the luckless victims of a Jaffa murder gang.

It is no wonder, then, that unemployment in Bat Yam is nowhere compared to any other immigrant town. Only 20—30 jobless are registered — on the average — at the local labour exchange. Another 120 elderly people are employed on emergency schemes, largely in menial public garden work. This is not to say that Bat Yam has a self-sufficient economy. More than 2,000 residents leave the city for employment outside every morning. At the same time more than half that number swarm into the city, 1,000 to satisfy building needs alone.

Bat Yam has 62 factories and workshops, including the Lewin-Epstein printing works, the Artic ice cream factory, the Nesher-Kabir beer factory and others. The sore point in the local economy is the development of the sea-front or rather its lack of development. What is worse, the present trend to urbanization augurs badly for the future of what would seem to be Bat Yam's most natural role, that of a seaside resort. It cannot boast a single hotel and has only three boarding houses, one of which was recently turned into a sanatorium. True, hundreds of private rooms are let for the summer, but if the present trend continues — and it shows every sign of doing so — Bat Yam will have little more to offer the vacationer than Tel Aviv.

In this respect, there is something most regrettable in the new status. Bat Yam is the most comfortable outlet for the vast working population of Tel Aviv-Jaffa during the hot summer months. There are about 50,000 bathers on a summer Saturday. Any overt signs of preserving this necessary and refreshing gateway to the sea — other than not building on the beach itself — have yet to be given.

Cultural life in Bat Yam is still in its infancy. The late Sholem Asch, who built his home there three years ago at the insistence of the enterprising mayor, David Ben Ari, once complained that it was practically non-existent. "Even the seats in the cinema are so uncomfortable that I don't go anymore." The author willed his home and library to the town, stipulating that it be turned into a cultural centre for young writers. Meanwhile, culture-seekers take themselves to Tel Aviv or accustom themselves to more provincial pastimes. Educational facilities are understandably cramped and most oppressing for the parents of second-shifters.

Political life, on the other hand, is highly organized. Something like 85 per cent of eligible voters participated in the last Knesset elections, as compared with a national average of 70 per cent. Recently a local couple, both of whom have droves of relatives in the town, were married. The political affiliations of the groom were unusually ambiguous and a rather astute ringside observer at the wedding (in far-off North Tel Aviv) noted that almost all of the political parties had sent their leading representatives to the festivities to wish the young couple well.

Bat Yam has become the 21st city in Israel, following upon the heels of Hadera, Rehovot and Rishon leZion. It has the largest immigrant housing scheme in the country. It has absorbed 300 families of professionals from Poland. It has a new Kupat Holim clinic worthy of any modern city. It has four bus lines connecting it with Tel Aviv and another connecting it with Holon. A giant new cinema theatre is a-building. But in the midst of all this improvement, some die-hard voices cry out that the damage is utterly beyond repair.

## KEEPING POSTED

FROM the purely utilitarian point of view, we decided this year, Purim costumes can be divided into two groups — those that are too hot and those that are not hot enough. Walking through the streets of Tel Aviv on the hot *sharav* afternoon that preceded the dust storm we saw a small child sweltering in what appeared to be a genuine bearskin cut down to size. The child was so much swallowed up by the bear that we could not even decide whether it was a boy or a girl. The other group is headed

by skinny little boys in Jerusalem who dress as Red Indians by dint of painting their bodies fancy colours, daubing a little mud on a minute pair of bathing drawers, tying coloured streamers round their waist (not worn in the best Indian circles) and whooping around bare-foot with a dangerous-looking axe in their hands. One day of the Purim week — it is a full week by now — was made uncomfortable by a sharp biting wind and the little Indians were found huddled in doorways, looking unheroic. This year there were larger numbers of angels with long fragile white wings that make it most inconvenient to get in or out of a bus. They also do not suit the Tel Aviv landscape or atmosphere though at Purim no doubt anything is permissible. The Bible offers enough excuses for angels in wings — those referred to in Ezekiel even had six apiece — but Purim tradition does not seem to provide a precedent, and they keep a foreign look.

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*THERE is never a year without some slight misunderstanding at this time of year. The usual small crowd gathered to see the new Soviet Ambassador present his letters of credence to the President. Mr. Bodrov, the new representative, was most resplendent in a diplomatic uniform and a quite fabulous collection of medals, including an enormous star worn unexpectedly low down on the chest. He walked by the smart Naval picquet, smiling pleasantly. Behind him a small child, half-awed by the splendour, said "Do you think this one is real, or maybe that's for Purim?"*

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OUR regular correspondent from Holland has a curious little story to contribute. The "Keren Yaldenu" fund has been more active there than in previous years, she writes, collecting funds to combat missionary activities in Israel, and in particular to offer assistance to families whose children have been attending missionary schools and receiving gifts of clothing and other essentials. One of the activities by means of which money was being raised was a benefit cabaret performance organized with the aid of the "Amsterdam Students' Cabaret." The cabaret group is non-Jewish, and by chance has not even more than one or two Jewish members, the rest being, presumably, practising Christians. "Is it not a little far-fetched," she writes, "to enlist the aid of a Christian group to prevent Christian ethics from being taught to Jewish children in Israel?"

*A CANADIAN tourist, not young, who arrived on the s.s. Zion recently came back to Haifa after a trip to Ashkelon and could not find his hotel. Very upset at being lost, he went to the Police and asked them to find the hotel for him. He had left five suitcases there, he said. He couldn't remember the name of the place, or anything much about it except that it was a No. 64 on its street. The Police checked the Haifa hotels, and to their surprise discovered that not a single one was a 64. Was he sure? Yes, he was sure. How long*

*had the trip been from the port to the hotel? A long way, through some suburbs, and he might have gone to sleep part of the way. He'd never realised Haifa was quite so big a city. About two hours the trip must have taken. The Police debated amongst themselves whether a taxi driver had been exploiting a tourists' ignorance. Then one of them had a bright idea, checked the hotels in Tel Aviv, found two situated in No. 64s, and soon enough located the visitor's hotel and lost luggage.*

Today's contributors include D.G., Jerusalem; F., Haifa and H. Boas, Amsterdam.

### PEN FRIENDS

**WILLIAM SCHLICTER**, c/o William Montey, 238 Well Street, Caro, Michigan, U.S.A., seeks a 15-year old boy pen friend in Israel.

**BONNIE HAGMANN**, 12, of 621 King Street, LaCrosse, Wisconsin, U.S.A., is interested in a pen pal.

## Readers' Letters

### EXCHANGE RATE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — With regard to the letter about the exchange rate and pensions (your issue of February 19), it is well known that American citizens who have reached a certain age are entitled to a state-guaranteed pension which is transferable to any corner of the world. The same can be said of many other countries with hard currency. It is likewise known that World Jewry numbers a high proportion of deeply emotional men and women of means, who would like to follow an old Jewish custom and go to the Holy Land to conclude their lives in Israel. By furthering this religious and national feeling, new lively connections among Jews all over the world and Israel would be created.

However, emotions cannot live forever without a material background. Jews wishing to follow the custom of their forefathers would be more willing to do so, if their source of livelihood had a more realistic basis. An acceptable exchange rate for pensions of all kinds is one of these realistic requirements. Our unrealistic exchange rate has not only deterred Jews from coming to Israel and settling here but has been instrumental in causing large numbers of Israel citizens to leave the country.

It is therefore hardly comprehensible that the Treasury refuses to find a solution which would help us get foreign currency and it is highly regrettable that the Finance Ministry has not found it necessary to define its stand in a question of such importance.

Yours, etc.
*H. SCHUPLER*
Haifa, February 24.

### NEW NUMBER PLATES

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The recent rash of new orange number plates lends a cheerful touch to the many drab-coloured motor cars in our streets.

From the standpoint of visibility, the choice of orange was a good one (bright yellow would have been even better) but what seems to have been overlooked is that it is not the plate which must be prominent but the figures.

According to international usage, the numbers on the plate must be visible in daylight, to a person with normal vision, at a distance of 25 yards. This dictum held good for black numerals on a white ground, but the contrasting effect of black on orange does not apply and consequently there is a serious falling-off of legibility to the extent of almost 50 per cent.

Due to the method of manufacture, the convex-fronted numerals diffuse light, thus further reducing clarity, while after a few rubs in traffic the figures are almost unrecognizable. The legibility of the numbers is even poorer at night.

It is to be regretted that expert advice is not sought prior to embarking on such an important and costly programme.

Yours, etc.
*JACK RAPHAEL*
Tel Aviv, February. 21.

### MUSICAL BACKGROUND

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The musical background to the news of "Ten Years Ago," on Kol Yisrael, seems to me most inappropriate.

Yours, etc.
*I. RHENIK*
Haifa, February 20.

## Yesterday's Press

# Israel Stands by France

**Haboker** (General Zionist) considers Gaillard's suggested Western Mediterranean Pact to be the only practical reply to the Arab world's Moscow-guided aggressive nationalism that may pave the way for Nasser's complete domination of all links in the adumbrated anti-Western chain, from the Persian Gulf to the Atlantic Ocean. The proposal is a sort of "joint Maginot Line" against a wave of aggression threatening the existence and welfare of the entire free world. Israel's place in this fight against Nasserism is clearly alongside France.

**Omer** (Histadrut) discusses the fictitiousness of the Arab unions and alignments, noting that real unity is still far off and the reign of dagger and gun still supreme. It is not these unions that will solve the painful problems of the Middle East or of the Arab countries, writes the paper, but something more radical, like the French Prime Minister's proposal for a Mediterranean Pact.

**Herut** calls attention to the week-long celebrations which are being inaugurated today in Gaza to mark the town's "liberation" from the Israel forces. Cairo, of course, will tell the town's people that the Israelis were routed by the doughty Egyptian fighters but will never inform them that the Israel Government handed them part of the Jewish Homeland on a silver platter. A day will come, writes the paper, when the Jewish people will retrieve what their rulers so facilely ceded to the enemy out of sheer cowardice and lack of faith, while the rulers will be called to account for the fatal error they committed. For the time being, however, Israel must lower her flag to half-mast while the Arab riff-raff in the streets of Gaza, Cairo and Damascus celebrates the rule of an Egyptian slave over Samson's town.

**Ha'aretz** (non-party) writes that the Histadrut Executive meeting about the draft budget incidentally heard a report on the non-efficacy of the emergency employment system which the press has been exposing for years as wasteful of taxpayer funds and useless insofar as the education of the new immigrant to a life of productive labour is concerned. Millions of pounds have gone down the drain through this system and Mapai should have gone into the matter earlier.

**Al Hamishmar** (Mapam) finds it distressing that the authorities kept silent so long on the death of an Arab boy in artillery practice in Sakhnin and permitted unprincipled demagogues to spread the rumour that it had been premeditated. The officers in charge of the operation should be brought to account for the affair to clear the good name of Israel's defence forces and the Prime Minister's undertaking to see to it that Army practice would henceforth be carried out in sparsely populated areas should be implemented with despatch.

# THE SOUTH BRITISH INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT AUGUST 31, 1955 AND 1956

| 1955 £ | | £ | 1956 £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **1. Shareholder's Funds —** | | |
| | Authorized Capital: 6,000,000 Shares of 10/- each — £3,000,000 | | |
| | Issued Capital: 4,126,560 Shares of 10/- each — £2,063,280 | | |
| 2,063,280 | Capital Paid Up | 2,063,280 | |
| 1,900,000 | Reserve Fund | 2,200,000 | |
| 1,388,104 | Exchange and Investment Fluctuation Reserve | 1,542,391 | |
| 1,722,627 | Contingencies Reserve | 1,800,000 | |
| 505,409 | Balance brought down from Profit and Loss Appropriation Account | 491,053 | |
| 7,579,420 | Total of Shareholder's Funds | | 8,096,724 |
| | **2. Current Liabilities —** | | |
| 1,944,294 | Sundry Creditors, and Bills Payable, including Provision for Taxation | 1,586,168 | |
| 7,025 | Amounts Owing to Subsidiary Companies | 1,515 | |
| 1,867,735 | Provision for Losses Outstanding | 2,146,442 | |
| 3,675,000 | Reserve for Unexpired Risks | 4,125,000 | |
| 257,910 | Provision for Final Dividend | 257,910 | |
| 7,751,964 | Total of Current Liabilities | | 8,117,035 |
| £15,331,384 | | | £16,213,759 |

| 1955 £ | | £ | 1956 £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **1. Investments —** | | |
| 801,457 | Loans on Mortgage | 866,451 | |
| 263,256 | Shares in Subsidiary Companies | 276,868 | |
| 1,563,326 | Other Shares, Stocks and Debentures | 1,612,774 | |
| 1,103,882 | Municipal and Harbour Board Loans | 1,171,328 | |
| 814,653 | Government Guaranteed Loans | 850,273 | |
| 6,504,082 | Government Securities | 6,577,950 | |
| 11,050,656 | Total of Investments | | 11,355,639 |
| | **2. Fixed Assets —** | | |
| 771,426 | Company's Premises at Cost, Less Depreciation | 803,342 | |
| 771,426 | Total of Fixed Assets | | 803,342 |
| | **3. Current Assets —** | | |
| 1,870,379 | Cash in Banks, Deposits, Short-dated Investments and Bills of Exchange in Transit | 2,343,194 | |
| 1,305,637 | Balances at Branches and Agencies | 1,356,939 | |
| 327,136 | Sundry Debtors and Bills Receivable | 339,179 | |
| 6,150 | Amounts Owing by Subsidiary Companies | 15,466 | |
| 3,509,302 | Total of Current Assets | | 4,054,778 |
| £15,331,384 | | | £16,213,759 |

On behalf of the Board: KENNETH B. MYERS, Wm. GOODFELLOW, Directors.

The profits of subsidiary companies have been dealt with in the accounts of this Company to the extent of dividends only. The fees received by the Directors from this Company and its subsidiary companies were £7,000.

KENNETH B. MYERS, Wm. GOODFELLOW, Directors.

We have to report to the members that we have audited the accounts of the South British Insurance Company Limited for the year ended August 31, 1956, and that we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and that in our opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs as at that date according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company.

Auckland, October 5, 1956.

MORRIS, DUNCAN & GYLLIES
BRUCE, DUTHIE, VOYCE & Co. } Auditors

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 1955 AND 1956

| 1955 £ | | 1956 £ | 1955 £ | | 1956 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1,014,193 | Balance carried to Profit and Loss Appropriation Account | 975,673 | 612,141 | Balance brought down from Underwriting Account | 527,208 |
| | | | 402,052 | Interest, Dividends and Rents received and accrued, less taxation | 448,465 |
| £1,014,193 | | £975,673 | £1,014,193 | | £975,673 |

## PROFIT AND LOSS APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 1955 and 1956

| 1955 £ | | 1956 £ | 1955 £ | | 1956 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 154,746 | Interim Dividend paid April, 1956 | 154,746 | 453,872 | Balance brought down from August, 1955 | 505,409 |
| 250,000 | Amount transferred to Reserve Fund | 300,000 | 1,014,193 | Balance brought down from Profit and Loss Account | 975,673 |
| 200,000 | Amount transferred to Contingencies Reserve | 77,373 | | | |
| 100,000 | Amount transferred to Exchange and Investment Fluctuation Reserve | 200,000 | | | |
| 257,910 | Proposed Final Dividend | 257,910 | | | |
| 505,409 | Balance carried to Balance Sheet | 491,053 | | | |
| £1,468,065 | | £1,481,082 | £1,468,065 | | £1,481,082 |

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS OF THE ISRAEL BUSINESS FOR THE 18 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1955 AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1956

| CREDIT | 1954/55 IL. | 1956 IL. | DEBIT | 1954/55 IL. | 1956 IL. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Interest from Investments | 5,761 | 7,213 | Loss transferred from Fire, Accident, Marine and other Insurance Branches | 88,921 | 28,830 |
| Reversal of previous years' provisions for extraordinary risks | 39,209 | — | | | |
| Loss | 43,951 | 21,617 | | | |
| | IL.88,921 | IL.28,830 | | IL.88,921 | IL.28,830 |

**Remark:** The Company ceased its business operations in Israel on July 15, 1956.

We have audited the above Profit and Loss Accounts for the periods ended December 31, 1955 and 1956 with the books of account and vouchers in the Company's office in Israel and with the returns submitted to the Head Office abroad. Subject to the fact that re-insurance business effected abroad has not been taken into account, and that the insurance funds have been adjusted in accordance with the instructions of the Controller of Insurance, we are of the opinion that the above accounts give a true and fair view of the results of the Company's business in Israel for the said periods.

Tel Aviv, December 21, 1956
January 7, 1958.

HAYTIS, GRUENBERG & CO.,
Certified Public Accountants (Isr.)

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